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Deputies seek answers for fatal hit and run

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies said it will be a couple of weeks before some answers are available for why a man was killed after being struck while walking on M-72 West last week.

Neil Louis Pearce, 50, of Mio, was killed on Wednesday, Jan. 17, when he was struck in a pedestrian-vehicle hit and run accident.

The accident occurred late Wednesday, but Pearce's body was not discovered until Thursday morning.

An employee from the Grayling Hospital for Animals notified police of the body around 7:50 a.m. Deputies arrived on the scene along with ambulance personnel who determined that Pearce was deceased.

As police gathered evidence at the scene, they were able to determine that paint and parts at the scene belonged to a 1990s model Chevrolet pick-up. A deputy from the accident scene, who was going off duty, was able to locate the truck.

Deputies Shon Chmielewski and Jason Alexander, the sheriff's department's accident investigator, examined the pick-up and contacted its owner at his home. The 46-year-old, long time Grayling Township resident, who is cooperating with the accident investigation, told deputies he was traveling west-

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Neil Louis Pearce, 50, of Mio, was killed on Wednesday, Jan. 17, when he was struck in a pedestrian-vehicle hit and run accident on M-72 West. The accident occurred late Wednesday, but Pearce's body was not discovered until Thursday morning. Above, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander, Lt. Pat Boyd, the commander of the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, and Sgt. Randy Baerlocher from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department look for evidence at the accident scene.

Citizens protest clear cutting

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Commissioners said they would give further consideration to a request from citizens and conservationists who are asking for a resolution of support to protest Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) harvesting in the region.

Area citizens, conservationists and officials representing northeast Michigan counties attended the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting last week. The group is asking the board to send a resolution to the DNR, seeking them to place a moratorium on clear cutting in the region.

Jim Clement, a Crawford County resident, said recent clear cutting of forest land is devastating the recreational and scenic value of the area.

"It's just rampant and raging everywhere," Clement said.

Clement said he is specifically concerned about harvesting activities in areas such as Hanson Hills, Hartwick Pines and the Mason Tract.

"I would like to see the recreational areas left alone. I think that is an easy thing to do," Clement said.

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Winter Weekend



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The heavy snowfall that came late last week allowed Hanson Hills to open its ski hill for the weekend. Forecasters for the National Weather Service are predicting a chance of snow on a daily basis for the next week. Above, Jillian Calvin, 11, a sixth grader at the Grayling Middle School, spent Saturday afternoon at Hanson Hills skiing with friends.

School year changes to boost achievement

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The school day as students know it at the Grayling High School is being overhauled by district officials.

The Crawford AuSable School Board, at its regular meeting last week, approved the first-reading for a policy change that will switch the high school from operating on a semester schedule to a trimester calendar.

Currently, students are enrolled in seven classes during a two-semester school year and attend the classes every other day.

Under the proposed changes, students would be enrolled in five classes that would meet on a daily basis. The classes would run for two 12-week periods, instead of the current 18-week semester.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Power said the change in the school schedule is being prompted by the state's mandated curriculum that students must learn.

"The whole purpose is to increase student achievement," Powers said. "This is a more efficient schedule and increases instructional time."

The classes under the proposed schedule would meet for 70 minutes, opposed to the current classes which meet for 98 minutes.

Doniel Pummell, the Grayling High School principal, said the trimester schedule makes the school day and homework more manageable for students, especially for those who struggle with a class that they can retake since it will be offered more frequently.

"They won't have to wait a full year to get themselves out of a hole because sometimes they don't see how they're going to get ahead," Pummell said.

Powers said the change from the semester to the trimester schedule will not increase costs for the district or alter the amount of teachers at the high school.

Several school districts in northern Michigan already operate under the trimester school year, and Mio, Roscommon and Traverse City school districts are also contemplating the change, Powers said.

The trimester schedule will move forward at the Grayling High School if the school board approves the final action for the change at its February meeting.

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County ambulance ordinance debate continues

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Commissioners pledged to continue tweaking an emergency services ordinance regulating local ambulance operations which continues to be heavily debated among medical officials.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have been studying a proposed emergency medical services ordinance for the past couple of months.

A portion of the state's Public Health Code allows municipalities to adopt ordinances to establish procedures for ambulance services in order to ensure reliable, timely and effective medical transportation service.

The ordinance, which is being pushed by Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp, says that the quality and reliability of the services will be enhanced if an ambulance contractor is offered an exclusive contract to furnish both emergency and non-emergency patient transportation between hospitals and other medical care facilities.

The ordinance would require all hospitals, nursing homes and other inpatient care facilities to obtain non-emergency transportation from the county's medical transportation contractor.

There are exceptions to the requirement, however, when the contractor can not provide timely service or an ambulance service funded by a municipality can provide the transportation.

About 30 people attended the county board's regular meeting last Wednesday, many representing Mercy Hospital Grayling and Mobile Medical

Response (MMR), the Saginaw-based ambulance service the county has contracted with since 2000.

Prior to MMR entering the county, North Flight, an ambulance service owned by Munson Hospital, had provided county wide ambulance services in Crawford County for 10 years.

North Flight had sought a subsidy from the county because the service had lost \$500,000 over a five-year period while serving Crawford County. The county denied the subsidy, and contracted with MMR for ambulance services.

North Flight continues to maintain an office and ambulances in Grayling, operating out of the Grayling Industrial Park.

Ray Little, the CEO for MMR, said the ambulance service is supporting the ordinance in order to garner the revenue from fees generated from non-emergency transfers between hospitals and other medical care offices.

Last year, Little said MMR handled 2,200 transfers in Crawford County and lost a total of \$177,000 to maintain three 24-hours ambulances locally.

"You pay for that waiting time to have that ambulance available for the next emergency and next transfer and it's hard to do in Crawford County without a subsidy because we don't have the call volumes here, but if we were able to capture all of the revenue that is available in the system, we think we can do a good job of that," Little said.

Although Mercy Hospital Grayling officials say they leave the option up to doctors and patients on which ambulance service handles inner hospital transfers, Patti Walker, director for emergency services for Mercy Hospital Grayling, acknowledged that North Flight is the first ambulance to get called for a transfer. Walker said North Flight is used due to their ability to provide critical care to patients and for having nurses on the back of the rigs.

Mercy Hospital, which is owned by Trinity Health, has a management agreement with Munson Hospital for services.

The hospital also utilizes the Denton Township Ambulance in Roscommon County, MMR,

North Flight and the Tri-Township Ambulance Service based in Atlanta in Montmorency County for patient transfers.

Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, the CEO for Mercy Hospital Grayling, told the county board that the hospital needs to have many options available for patient transfers to continue to provide quality care.

"In running a smaller hospital, you rely on many providers and many agencies just to provide that basic level of service and quality of care that our community is counting on," Matuzak said. "To limit that flexibility is really going to put us in an untenable position."

Matuzak added that it is evident that the community has backed local emergency services based on the support of the hospital \$2.3 million emergency room expansion, which will start being used next month.

Matuzak encouraged the county board to allow hospital officials to have input into the ordinance, claiming that the hospital staff has had adversarial communications with MMR.

"Without that dialogue, we are going to end up with something that is not going to meet your needs, our needs or the needs of the community," Matuzak said. "If you pass this ordinance, a lot more is going to be on the shoulders of the county to get involved in emergency services than ever seen before and you will get calls from Mercy Hospital if it is not working well because our commitment is to provide great care to our community."

Little said that MMR staff have brought patients to the hospital on emergency runs, only to have them transferred to other hospitals by North Flight.

Little added that MMR would hire nurses and establish critical care teams for transports, if required by the county and hospital, but said that established protocols must be in place.

"They have to do it on an equal playing field and do it by protocol - not the way it's being done now," Little said.

Bob Thornton, a nurse at Mercy Hospital, said he gives patients a choice on which ambulance company is used due to a service utilized by MMR which allows customers to

enroll in a membership program to cover the costs of insurance co-pays and deductibles in advance of the transport.

"I would not be doing them any justice if I did not ask them and let them take advantage of their program," Thornton said.

Thornton said he believes the debate over ambulance services can be settled as long as county officials, hospital staff and ambulances personnel are educated about the procedures.

"I do expect the same level of care that I have been providing to be continued for that transfer," he said.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said he would like to see regulations that would promote the viability of emergency transportation rather than having multiple ambulance services fight over the same pot of money.

"I would much rather see one company making a decent profit so that they can provide services that our little community here needs," Wright said. "I certainly don't want to hurt the hospital because that's one of the biggest benefits we have going here in the community."

A committee of county board members and local medical officials will be discussing the proposed ordinance, and the board will revisit the issue in March. The committee will work with Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor Dave Sabin on issues regarding monitoring the ordinance and assessing penalty fees for violations.

Shelly Pinkelman, a county commissioner on the county's ambulance advisory committee, said she wanted to see language regarding patient choice added to the ordinance.

"I can not make a patient's choice or a doctor's choice - I just can't do that," Pinkelman said.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, stressed that health and welfare of the county citizens must be forefront of discussion about the ordinance.

"If we think this ordinance is going to provide guaranteed funding for someone, I think we are going down the wrong road," Stephenson said. "The biggest issue is to provide service to the citizens of Crawford County that's the charge to this board."

Citizens protest clear cutting

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Susan Thiel, manager for the Grayling Management Forest Unit for the DNR, said she thought that issues regarding harvesting at Hanson Hills had been resolved. Thiel said that she met with Camp Grayling, Grayling Recreational Authority officials and area citizens regarding the harvesting plans.

Thiel said the stands of oaks in the county are being infected by disease and will die due to their age.

"We're at the point where they're just going to fall down and die on the stump and there will be no canopy of trees covering the trails," Thiel said. "Like people that succumb to basic diseases as they get older - trees are same way."

Thiel said that trees also will not naturally reproduce in the area due to the poor soil composition.

"We don't have the nice northern hardwoods that adapt to a thinning," said.

Further, Thiel said that people also must take into account the use of modern harvesting equipment that can remove a stand of trees in days rather than taking several months.

"It doesn't matter what you

call it - there are going to be some intense cutting styles that people don't like because it's a massive change," Thiel said.

Officials representing the Ogemaw and Roscommon County Boards attended the meeting last week, addressing harvesting issues in their communities.

David Wolfe, chairman of the Ogemaw County Board, said the DNR has closed off trails developed by the county and destroyed critical wildlife habitat near Rose City.

"I realize cutting needs to be done, but it needs to be done in such a way that it does not devastate our natural resources to the point where people won't come back here," Wolfe said. "We are a tourism based area and that's the only way we're going to make a living here."

Oxford resident Bob McReavy, a vocal critic of the DNR, said clear cutting is hurting the deer population in the region and having a negative impact on tourism.

"They're really not looking out for the wildlife - it looks like they're just doing it for the profit off of the timber," McReavy said.

McReavy is also asking

Crawford County officials to protest a plan to increase hunting and fishing fees proposed by the DNR.

Mary Dettloff, spokesperson for the DNR, said a workgroup representing state officials and conservation groups had met on proposed fee hikes for several months. The Natural Resources Commission recommended the state approve the fee increases in November to help cover a budget shortfall for the DNR. The state Legislature has the final say on whether the fees will increase.

State lawmakers have held initial hearings on the proposed fee schedule, but there is no legislation to hike the license fees, Dettloff said.

The Crawford County Board said they would consider a request to send a resolution protesting harvesting activities to the DNR at its March ways and means committee meeting.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the county board, recommended that the group take their objections to state lawmakers.

"If you're not getting anywhere with the DNR, you need to go to the Legislature," Stephenson said.

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Wertz Warriors are coming to town

The Wertz Warriors are slated to embark on the 26th Annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride Jan. 28 to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI). The 900-mile, six-day journey will begin in Chesterfield, and zigzags across the Lower Peninsula, ending Feb. 4 in Petoskey.

The Wertz Warriors will be in our community Mon. Jan. 29 through Wed. Jan. 31 at: Holiday Inn, Grayling, Mon., Jan. 29, 5:45 p.m. - overnight; departure from Grayling, Tue., Jan. 30, 7:30 a.m.; Swamp Bar, Frederic, Tue., Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m. - 4:14 p.m.; back at the Holiday Inn, Grayling, Tue., Jan. 30, 4:45 p.m. - overnight; departure from

Grayling, Wed., Jan. 31, 7:45 a.m. They will be at Clear Bar, West Branch (lunch), Tue., Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and Lost Creek Sky Ranch, Luzerne, Tue., Jan. 30, 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

The 2007 Wertz Warriors consists of more than 40 snowmobile riders and 28 support crew members. They will stop at over 35 locations along the ride route, raising donations along the way for the SOMI State Winter Games. Since the first ride in 1982 the warriors have traveled a combined 937,000 miles on their snowmobiles and have raised more than \$6.8 million.

"Each rider must donate \$3,500 for the privilege of participating on the ride," said Vic

Battani, Chairman of the Wertz Warriors Board of Directors. "They must also use their own snowmobile and pay for any equipment they require in order to ride."

The Wertz Warriors come from all walks of life, and whether as a rider or as a member of the support crew, all work toward raising money for Special Olympics Michigan.

"Each Wertz Warrior takes a week out of their lives to participate in the endurance ride," Battani says. "They are all dedicated to this cause and raise money all year long. They are a tremendously dedicated and caring group of people."

SOMI will host more than 900

athletes at the 2007 State Winter Games to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Schuss Village in Bellaire, and Howe Ice Arena in Traverse City. The Wertz Warriors will take part in the State Winter Games by giving the athletes snowmobile rides and by attending opening ceremonies Jan. 31.

The Wertz Warriors is one man's dream transformed into reality. Vic Wertz, former Detroit Tiger and Hall of Fame'r, had a dream to underwrite the direct costs of the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games. So, he set out and succeeded to enlist many of his friends to help him.

Together, Wertz and his newly

founded warriors considered a variety of ways to generate the money needed to fund winter sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Michigan. After considering many alternatives, the Wertz Warriors contacted SOMI and completed their first snowmobile endurance ride in February 1982, raising \$26,000. Twenty-six years later they are still riding strong and hope to raise \$500,000 this year.

For more information about the Wertz Warriors, visit or call Vic Battani at (586) 291-9100. Donations can be made to Special Olympics Michigan, PO Box 1132, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046.

Counties want more money for roads

by Nick Pelton
Capitol News Service

As road conditions worsen and funding decreases in Northern Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Team (MTT) has put together a campaign to increase road funding and possibly raise the gas tax.

The campaign, called Drive MI, will lobby the Legislature for a 3-cents-per-gallon hike for each of the next three years: a 9-cent increase total.

"It's just a little bit more at the pump," said MTT co-chair Mike Nystrom of East Lansing.

MTT is a coalition of business, labor and government groups that are concerned with transportation issues, Nystrom said.

Currently there is a \$2.7 billion gap in funding for road projects, he said, and Drive MI

hopes to close that gap by at least \$1 billion. The proposed tax increase would raise about half of that, around \$450 million.

"Any increase would be a help," said Cliff Youngs, manager of the Osceola County Road Commission.

Youngs said road funding is based mainly on population and gas purchases.

"They have to come up with a formula to figure how much it costs to maintain a mile of road," he said, adding that nobody has addressed those actual costs.

Counties all over Michigan are having trouble with funding for their roads, said Ed Noyola, deputy director of the County Road Association of Michigan.

There is little money to improve roads, and counties are

struggling to maintain what they have, he said. "But that cannot happen with the level of funding now."

Northern Michigan counties are often hit hardest, said Rep. Darwin Booher, R-EVART.

The higher amounts of snowfall and rural roads increase the need for road funds, Booher said.

Noyola said, "Any time it snows, that's money."

Booher said there has been recent discussion about turning over some financial responsibility for roads to townships, even though counties technically own the roads.

"This won't go over very big with the townships," Booher said.

Townships receive no money for the roads, and they have their own tight budgets, he said.

Tourist areas may be in danger of losing business because of poor roads, Booher said. Although his district doesn't get much road funding due to its low population, many visitors travel there when on vacation, but they will be less likely to do so if conditions deteriorate.

Not all of Northern Michigan has been suffering.

For example, Cadillac roads have consistently improved for the past 10 years, said city engineer Bruce DeWitt. "They are in better shape now than they used to be."

Booher said the gas tax increase would be a temporary solution.

And as technology makes fuel use more efficient, less gas will be purchased "and tax revenue will continue to drop," he said.

Increasing the gas tax isn't the

only option that Drive MI is looking at.

"It's really to push for increased state funding for transportation," Nystrom said. "We can't do just one item."

Deputies seek answers for fatal hit and run

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bound on M-72 West at approximately 10:45 p.m. Wednesday night and thought he hit a deer when he heard an object collide with his truck. The man, who is not being identified by police, turned around and drove back through the area, but did not see Pearce lying on the side of the road.

The man continued home where he assessed the damage to the front right corner of his truck. He did not report what he believed to be a car deer accident to police because he did not have collision coverage on the truck.

Deputies said Pearce died on impact. Alcohol is believed to be

a factor with both the victim and the driver of the truck.

The truck was seized and taken to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, where evidence including hair and fiber samples from Pearce's clothing were taken into evidence.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said Pearce's family said he was living with a brother near the Oscoda-Alcona County line. Police said Pearce hitched hiked to Grayling from Mio to visit a female acquaintance.

Wakefield said that deputies had heard that Grayling City Police had contact with Pearce earlier Wednesday for allegedly being intoxicated while walking

along the I-75 Business Loop.

Under Michigan Law, Wakefield said that police can not take people into custody for appearing intoxicated.

"Unless they are disorderly, it's not a crime to have alcohol in your system and be walking down the road," he said.

Sgt. Randy Baerlocher, the lead investigator for the case, said police often transport people in harms way to other locations, but Pearce likely refused a ride from city police.

"He went about his business, and said he did not want their help," Baerlocher said.

An autopsy was performed on Pearce's body at Sparrow

Hospital in Lansing on Monday. A blood sample was sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Bridgeport, which will determine Pearce's blood alcohol level at the time he was struck. The lab results will not be back for about two weeks.

Evidence technicians from the Michigan State Police Lab in Grayling will be reconstructing the debris and parts gathered at the accident scene from the pickup truck.

"Once we get all the pieces of the puzzle, we'll put them in front of County Prosecutor John Huss to determine if warrants for criminal charges will be issued," Baerlocher said.

High school heating upgrades approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board has taken steps to retool the heating and cooling system at the Grayling High School.

The school board, at its regular meeting last week, agreed to pay \$42,800 to Peter Basso Associates, Inc., a Livonia-based engineering firm, for planned mechanical upgrades for the high school's heating system.

Although the high school's heating and ventilation was upgraded after voters approved a \$14.1 million bond issue in 2001, the district still has to pay for further improvements due to a state mandate regarding energy efficiency for public buildings, Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said.

New digital controls, which will be installed on the heating and ventilation system, will help control the air and water flow in the building and electricity used to run the equipment, Powers said.

The equipment will pay for itself in about a year and half, Powers said.

"If we fine tune the heating system, it will provide significant savings for the district and we will be able to cut our utility costs each and every year," Powers said.

The equipment upgrades will

be funded through a \$1.9 million school funding proposal that vot-

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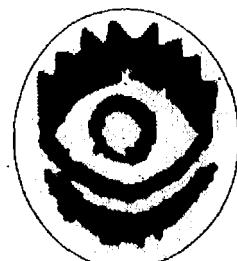
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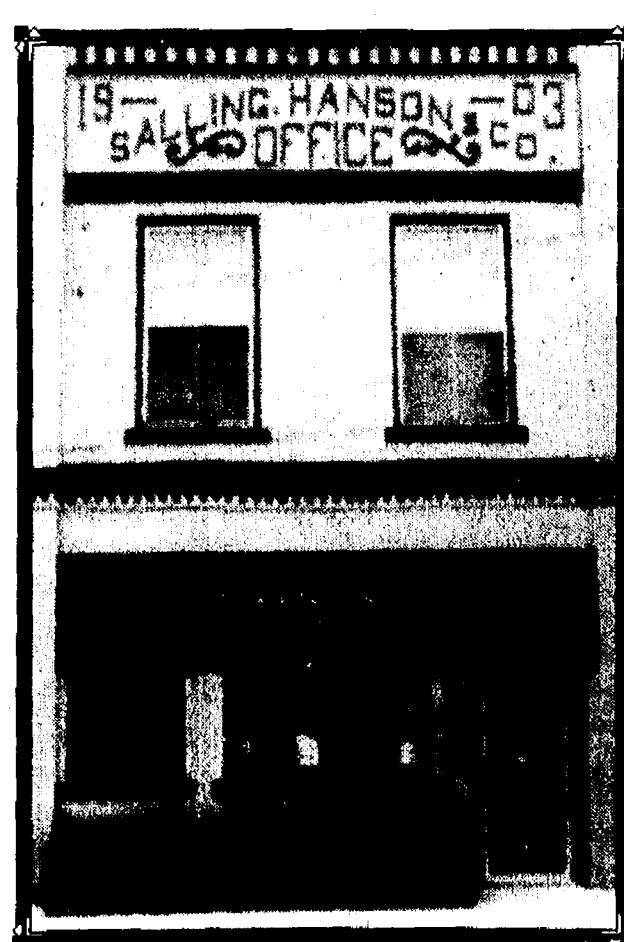
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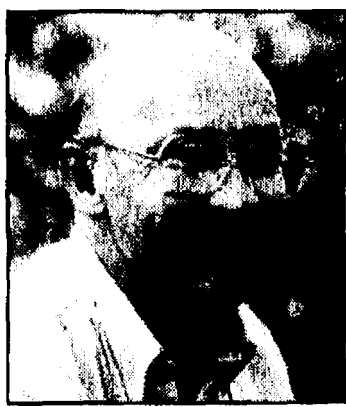
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by Richard L. Milliman

Hillary causes ripples in growing presidential pool

WHEN SEN. HILLARY Clinton does anything political, it often causes waves. And so it was when she announced formally she wants to be president.

"I'm in, I'm in it to win, and that's what I intend to do," she said.

Ms. Clinton's candidacy is no real surprise. In retrospect, it's becoming even clearer it's only the next step in a deliberate political progression that probably was hatched when she was in the White House the first time around as First Lady.

It all fits: The inside party work to endear her to the Democratic faithful, the books and travels to widen her public perception, casting aside roots in Washington and Arkansas to establish a base in New York, the well planned and superbly run first campaign for United States senate (when Mayor Rudy Giuliani stepped back from the

prospects of a bruising campaign battle with the Clintons, partly because of his own marital problems), the steady and workman-like job during the first senate term, the second steamrolling senate campaign ... all the time building support, raising money, moderating public positions ... all building to the full fledged run for the presidential roses. So far, it's all been beautiful in both planning and execution.

THE NEXT STEP may be even more difficult for Ms. Clinton. At last count, at least 10 other Democratic hopefuls are in various stages of candidacy. It's rare when the race for the White House is as wide open as it is in 2008, with no incumbent president running and no heir-apparent in the mix.

Here's how Democrats line up, a year before the first presidential primary next January in New

Hampshire, and listed in no discernible order:
Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, the party's 2004 candidate for vice president.

Freshman Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois.

Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico.

Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack.

US Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden of Delaware.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the Democratic nominee for president four years ago.

And, possibly, former Vice President Al Gore of Tennessee and Washington, the 2000 party nominee.

THE REPUBLICAN lists are just as full, with another 13 potential Republican candidates in various stages of running. Some are official candidates, some have formed committees, some are still thinking about it. Again, in no particular order, the more serious GOP possibilities include:

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who ran for the nomination in 2000.

Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas.

Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who has roots in both Michigan and Utah as well.

Former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore.

Former Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.

Former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating.

Former New York Gov. George Pataki.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

And, as a self-avowed "last resort candidate," former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

Reviewing the Republican list shows a lot more "formers" than the Democratic roster, which probably has no significance at all.

Of course, still other possibilities may appear in both parties. Although the clock is running, there's still time.

IT'S A LONG time yet until the November 2008 election, and much can happen.

The actual candidate selection process depends on the prima-

ry/caucus season, which begins with caucuses in Iowa and Nevada and primaries in New Hampshire and South Carolina, all in January 2008.

The really sad part of our nominating system is that by early February next year, both parties pretty much will have settled on their candidates based on their showings in these four early states, none of which reflects the makeup of the country ... and the people in Michigan and 45 other states will have no direct voice in deciding who will run for President.

Fairness cries for some different way to choose our candidates.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

By Lila Sanchez, Program Director Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Michigan

January is National Mentor Month

What is a mentor? A mentor is a caring, adult friend who devotes time to a young person. Although mentors can fill any number of different roles, all mentors have the same goal in common: to help young people achieve their potential and discover their strengths.

Mentors should understand they are not meant to replace a parent, guardian, or teacher. A mentor is not a disciplinarian or decision maker for the child. Instead, a mentor echoes the positive values and cultural heritage parents and guardians are teaching.

By sharing fun activities and exposing a youth to new experiences, a mentor encourages positive choices, promotes high esteem, supports academic achievement, and introduces the young person to new ideas.

Caring adults are currently needed to be mentors to youth in the community. Please contact your Crawford County Big Brothers Big Sisters at 344-5112 for more information or log on to their new website at <http://www.grayling-area.com/bbs/index.html>.

Grayling was a quiet, simpler and a safe place to grow up

To the editor:

The historical photo, several weeks ago, sent in by Phyllis Bennett Bray, brought a flood of memories back.

One summer in 1956 (I thought) I worked at Hanson's Cafe owned by Frank and Emma Bennett. I was in high school and it was a good place to work. The pay was the going rate, 50¢ an hour for eight hours, a free lunch, and also tips which was very little. It looked just like the photo. The capacity was 60 (I believe).

The morning cook was Mrs. Norman Johnston, Frank the dishwasher, and Emma waited tables with me. We wore white cotton/nylon uniforms and white shoes (bobby socks and saddle shoes for me).

The breakfast shift started at 6:30 a.m. or 7 a.m. and Emma and I took half the room.

This was a time when the town would have 2,000-4,000 National Guards or more, with no place to go but downtown Grayling. They would wander the streets and sip a 5¢ coke for an hour. It was not uncommon for the girls to be reminded "the

guards are our bread and butter, so be nice to them." Frank Bennett, Harold Long, and Devere Dawson were protective of their girls and would ask the guards to move along.

On review weekend, the restaurant would run out of some foods and the A & P almost did too.

In the afternoon sometimes, Frank couldn't keep up with the dishes and he would close the door to catch up or just close for the rest of the day. I knew it was hard for him to stand on his bad foot but he never complained or got grumpy.

Summers were hot, no matter the temperature. Mr. Harold Jarmen dressed in his straw hat, starched white shirt and tie and would come for breakfast. He always sat on the same stool at the counter and Emma always waited on him. No matter what he asked for, Emma had it, be it grapefruit, cantaloupe, strawberries or blueberries, out the back door, down the alley, across the street to the A&P store, she'd get it and serve it with a smile.

In her 1 1/2 inch heels she

worked circles around me and seemed tireless.

I also worked a summer for Harold Long (Long's Restaurant), Herluf Sorenson (Sorenson's Sporting/Fountain) and Earl and Devere Dawson's Drug Store during school days. Along with Marilyn Burch and Elaine Goss Campbell (Class of 1957) we worked evenings. The pay was 50¢ an hour. We worked from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., and swept the floor after closing, then we walked home.

Our senior year, Dawson's burned and we were out of a job. All of these employers were good to work for. They treated you fairly and a good work ethic was learned. It never hurt me to work in the summer for school. I learned responsibility and how to budget money.

Looking back on my years in Grayling, it was a quiet, simpler, and safe place to grow up. I am glad I had the Bennett's, Long's, and Dawson's in my life.

Thanks Phyllis for the photo. I hope you read this.

Carolyn A. Barker Anderson
Marquette, MI

DNR demands fee increase

To the editor:

Michigan residents are being asked to pay increased hunting and fishing license fees to cover DNR budget deficits created by their mismanagement of our natural resources.

Can Michigan afford to lose \$3.2 billion from our economy?

The DNR website states "licensed hunters in Michigan (one million) contribute \$2 billion annually to our economy. Some 2.6 million non-consumptive users contribute \$1.2 billion to our economy."

Eliminating the deer herd with wholesale quantities of doe permits has destroyed Michigan's hunting heritage.

Lack of deer, is chasing hunters, tourists and the money they spend, out of the state for suitable hunting. Michigan hunter retention is the lowest in the country.

We pay the DNR to protect, manage and preserve our natural resources for present and future generations. Out of control clear-cutting of our forests, ignoring re-forestation, block cutting, ribbon cutting, wildlife, fire prevention and scenic beauty is unacceptable. The tourist

industry and the economy is suffering from the DNR's bad management.

Public land and park land should not be sold by the DNR to raise money. When public land is sold by the DNR, it is lost forever from public use.

Thirty thousand people have told the DNR/NRC through petitions, public hearings and web sites to stop mismanaging our natural resources. The petitions are: bring back the deer and control clear-cutting.

In my book, you do not get a pay raise for doing a bad job.

We must protect Michigan's natural resources and demand proper management of Michigan's natural resources by the DNR. Say no to hunting, fishing, and camping fee increases.

Please contact the state legislature and Governor Granholm and voice your opinion on license fee increases.

For petitions on bring back the deer and control clear cutting, call Robert McReavy at 248-969-0878.

Robert McReavy
Oxford

Senior Center is a place to meet people

To the editor:

The seniors enjoyed the hard boiled colored eggs and candy canes that were brought to the Senior Center during the holiday season.

We are starting a Poker Club called "Kings and Queens" on Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bring your own chips. We do not play for money, but lots of fun.

If there are Euchre players out there, we still want you to come in and Euchre us. We have some new players and are looking for more.

A new Pinochle Club is being formed, so if that tickles your fancy, get in touch with Elouise at 348-7123.

Gee, we have so many interesting things to do, like one day trips, crafts and line dancing. Our kitchen serves good, balanced meals. The dining room fills up fast because the meals are yummy and affordable.

See you at the center. A senior who is thankful for a place to meet people and enjoy myself.

Vivian Powers
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Senator to hold office hours

Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, will conduct office hours in the Grayling on Monday, Jan. 29, at the Grayling City Hall, Council Chambers, 1020 City Blvd, from 3 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Office hours will be open to residents to express opinions or request assistance with a state issue.

Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord. Donors must be at least 17, weigh 110 pounds, be in good general health, and provide a valid photo ID upon donation. Call (989) 731-2230 for information or appointment.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of a hot casserole, cold foods, make your own sandwich and salad, dessert and coffee on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Shelter's Snowmobile Fun Run to be held

The 3rd Annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, registration at 11 a.m. at the Ole Barn, Grayling. Entry fee is \$25 and includes t-shirt, lunch, dinner, trail map and a chance to win a prize. Non-sledders are invited to follow the route in their personal vehicles and participate in this event. To pre-register, call Mary Becker at 1-866-449-2342 or email marybecker@verizon.net.

Group to perform at the Matrix Youth Center

The Luminous will perform at the Matrix Youth Center, 6441 W. Pine Point Rd., Saturday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The Matrix is located on the back side of Route 72 Auto Wash, doors open at 5 p.m. Snack bar and games available and donations accepted at the door. Call 989-348-2025 for information.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. Anyone interested in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School are encouraged to attend.

School to host Poverty Awareness Training

Poverty Awareness Training, based on "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" by Dr. Ruby Payne, will be held at the Grayling Elementary School on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10, dinner provided. This is a collaborative effort between the MSU Extension and the Crawford AuSable School District. Call Karyn Rauch-Smock at 348-3626 to register. Deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 2.

Boosters sponsor fund-raising night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is partnering with Wendy's of Grayling for a Community Fund-Raising Night. A percentage of the sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 30, will be donated to the Booster Club. Booster board members will be present and encourage the community to support the club.

Author to speak at KCC's Controlled Burn series

An author, who's also a physician and mother of an autistic child, will be the featured speaker at Kirtland Community College in February, as part of the college's ongoing Controlled Burn Reading Series.

Michigan resident Dr. Mary Sharp, author of "An Unexpected Joy, The Gift of Parenting a Challenging Child," will share her perspectives on her work and life during a reading on Tuesday, Feb. 6, on KCC's main campus near Roscommon.

Sharp, who lives in the East Lansing area with her husband, Rafael, and their son, Nic, practices primary care medicine for nephrology patients two days a week. The remainder of her time is filled with writing, autism

advocacy, reading and mastering the discipline of staring off into space.

She's currently working on a collection of essays about Nic, who has autism, and his adventures in adolescence.

All of the Controlled Burn readings, which are free and open to the public, are held at the Kirtland House conference center on College Drive. At the Feb. 6 event, there will be a reception at 5 p.m., with the reading starting at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the Controlled Burn series, call Carol Finke at 989-275-5000, extension 386. And, for more about Kirtland's creative writing programs, call extension 284 or visit online at www.kirtland.edu.

Meeting highlights career opportunities in radiography

Kirtland Community College will host an information meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22, on its main campus near Roscommon to help those persons interested in radiography learn more about the exciting career field.

John Skinner, director of radiography at Mid Michigan Community College in Harrison, will be on hand to explain the program and answer questions at the information meeting at 10 a.m. on Feb. 22 in Room 208 of Kirtland's Instructional Center.

The radiography program is a collaborative effort offered by Kirtland and MMCC, with grad-

uates being able to obtain an associate's degree in applied science. The program is designed to prepare graduates to function as members of the health team in hospitals, clinics, government and military installations, industry and public health.

In addition to classroom instruction and laboratory practice, students receive on-the-job practical education at Grayling Mercy Hospital or West Branch Regional Medical Center.

For more information about radiography or other health sciences programs offered at Kirtland, call 989-275-5000, extension 231 or 372.

CCUW to distribute free prescription drug discount cards

The Crawford County United Way will distribute 5,000 free prescription drug discount cards throughout our community.

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United Way Director Linda Williams, applied for and received 5,000 cards thru the Family Wise program. The program is free to any person without coverage and provides savings on the average of 20% on 8 out of 10 prescriptions. Discounts are available at participating pharmacies which include Grayling Pharmacy, The Medicine Shoppe, Rite Aid, Glen's, K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Walgreens.

The goal of the community

partnership is to deliver \$50 million in savings nation wide on the cost of medicine for people with no prescription coverage. There are no restrictions on the card. If you have no prescription coverage you can use the card as often as you need to for you and your family. The cards are good thru Dec. 31, 2011.

The cards are being distributed to the member agencies that the United Way helps provide funding to in Crawford County and at area pharmacies.

To learn more about the discount program a web site is available at www.familywise.com. If you have any questions or would like a card mailed to you please call the Crawford County United Way at 989-344-9300. The cards are available to any person regardless of county of residence.

Regional auditions available for All-State ensembles

The Interlochen All-State program will host regional auditions around the state for high school musicians interested in participating in an All-State program during the summer of 2007. Regional auditions will be held around the state in late January and early February. Interested students must schedule an audition by calling 231-276-7472. Musicians who are unable to attend a live audition may submit a recording with their application. Full instructions are available on the Interlochen website or by calling the number above.

Two-week programs are available for band, orchestra and choir and attract the most promising musicians from the state of Michigan. Because many All-State faculty are leading musicians in Michigan's top music collegiate and university programs, the experience is useful for students considering musical involvement in higher education.

Any high school musician is eligible to audition, including students who will finish eighth or twelfth grade in 2007. Financial aid is available to All-State participants. For more information about the Interlochen All-State or other Interlochen Arts programs visit www.interlochen.org.

Area auditions will be:
Wind and Percussion Auditions - Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Traverse City West HS - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., 5376 North Long Lake Rd. Traverse City, MI 49684.
String Auditions - Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Traverse City Central HS - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 1150 Milliken Dr., Traverse City, MI 49685.

Voice Auditions - Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Central United Methodist Church - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 222 Cass Street, Traverse City, MI 49686 and Thursday, Feb. 1 at Roscommon HS - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., 10600 Oakwood Roscommon, MI 48653.

DLEG Energy office sponsors energy efficient home construction workshops

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) Director Robert W. Swanson announced today that four Michigan nonprofit agencies were awarded \$74,000 to complete comprehensive energy efficient homebuilding workshops throughout Michigan.

The workshops, designed for Michigan homebuilders and affordable housing agencies, will address building homes to the Energy Star standard, the Federal Tax Credit standard, Building America best practices, and utilizing Energy Star rated products and appliances.

"When new homes are built to energy efficient standards, Michigan residents benefit from substantial savings in utility costs. These workshops represent a partnership between homebuilders who are interested in improving energy efficient home construction, and statewide experts delivering crucial home performance information to Michigan homebuilders," Swanson said. "Energy efficient homes save residents money, reduce the demand for energy supplies, and decrease harmful emissions."

Workshop schedule:

Detroit - The WARM Training Center will be partnering with the Building Association of Southeast Michigan for two Detroit area workshops on March 8 and March 27. Contact Jacob Corvidae at WARM Trainings, 313-894-1030.

Ann Arbor - Recycle Ann Arbor will be partnering with the Homebuilders Association of Washtenaw County for an Ann Arbor workshop on March 9. Contact Jason Bing at Recycle Ann, 734-662-6288 ext. 118.

Lansing - Urban Options will be partnering with the Greater Lansing Homebuilders Association for a Lansing area

workshop on March 14. Contact Aileen Gow at Urban Options, 517-337-0422.

Marquette - Northern Options will be partnering with the Upper Peninsula Builders Association for a Marquette area workshop on March 21. Contact Jennifer Silverston at Northern Options, 906-226-1136.

Grand Rapids - The Alliance for Environmental Sustainability will be partnering with the Home and Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids for a Grand Rapids area workshop on March 16. Contact Jeannine Reynolds at the Alliance for Environmental Sustainability, 616-458-6733.

Funding for the grants was made available by the U.S. Department of Energy and is administered by the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) Energy Office www.michigan.gov/energyoffice.

For additional information, please contact Patrick Hudson, Grant Administrator, Michigan Energy Office at (517) 241-6154 or phudson@michigan.gov.

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The Bible Speaks

Peace With God

It is not unusual to hear about people facing death who are concerned about making their peace with God. Romans 5:1 reveals the first result of justification is peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Being justified means we have trusted by faith God's promises concerning the finished work of Jesus Christ as our Savior. "By faith" excludes all human works, rituals, or efforts on our part for salvation.

All of us were under God's wrath as described in Romans 1:18: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Every human being is either under God's wrath or has "...peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." By accepting Jesus Christ as our savior we abide under God's love instead of God's wrath.

The world talks about peace, but we will never know peace on earth until Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace returns. The disciples of our Lord asked Him in Matthew 24:3: "...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of

the world? Jesus answered their question in Matthew 24:5-8 by reminding them there will be increased wars and rumors of wars before His return. It is ironic that Jews greet each other with the word "Shalom", and Muslims greet each other with the word "Salam." While both words mean "peace be with you" they are no closer to peace than they were thousands of years ago.

We need peace with God more than we need any other kind of peace. We need peace because we are weak and ungodly before an omnipotent, holy God. (Rom. 5:6). We need peace with God because our minds are at enmity against God. (Rom. 5:8) We need peace with God because we are enemies of God. (Rom. 5:10). We need peace with God because we are alienated from God. (Col. 1:21). We need peace with God because we are the children of wrath. (Eph. 2:3). We need peace with God because we are unjust. (1 Pet 3:18). We need peace with God because we are condemned already. (John 3:18). We need peace with God because we are lost. (Matt. 18:11). We need peace with God because we are perishing. (John 3:15,16). We need peace with God because we are damned outside of faith in Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:16).

We have peace with God because we trust Him as the God of peace who has made peace by the blood of His Son in an everlasting covenant of peace. (Heb. 13:20). As Col. 1:20 says, "20And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." Jesus Christ is our peace with God. (Eph. 2:14,15). We received Him by hearing, believing and trusting in God's gospel of peace. "15And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" We are told in Ephesians 6:15 to have our "...feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Do you have peace with God through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ? There is no other way to have peace with God. "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." (2 Thess. 3:16). Pastor "B"

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Jan. 26 - Lunch - baked ham, marshmallow sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, and cinnamon applesauce. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and pantry bingo.

Monday, Jan. 29 - Lunch - chicken and dumplings, green beans, cauliflower, and tangerine. Dinner - riblet on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, and pineapple. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, and peaches. Dinner - roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy,

green beans, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. tenant council meeting, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Lunch - bacon quiche, broccoli, cheesy potato casserole, muffin, and grapes. Dinner - Swedish meatballs over rice, asparagus, peas and carrots, pears, and blueberry crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing. 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Feb. 1 - Lunch - Hungry Boy casserole, Brussels sprouts, corn, and mixed fruit. Dinner - Navy bean soup, ham sandwich, carrots, spinach, and fresh fruit medley. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. pinocle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

ANIMAL SHELTER MEMORIALS

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County has received memorial donations in honor of those who have passed. The following is a list of honorees and donors who have made a donation during the time period of October through December 2006:

For Ryan Davis from Iris Corr of Grayling, and Joan Miller of Freeland.

For Don Bowers from Henry and Samira Galler of Monroe, N.Y.

For Mark Huges from Joan Miller of Freeland.

For Gordon "Sandy" Thompson from Larry and Maureen McNamara of Grayling, and the Miller Girls and their families.

For Helen Rodney from Richard and Barbara Febey of Grayling, Brian and Elizabeth Chace of Grayling, Delores "Dee" Smith of Commerce Township, Judy Frederick of

Grayling, Larry and Maureen McNamara of Grayling, and Jeanette Bennett of Farmington Hills.

For Tom Harvey from the Harvey Memorial Foundation of Saginaw.

For Dawn Weber from Richard and Kelly Rogers of Grayling, and Mark and Cheryl Ruley of Grayling (building fund).

For Rick the cat, owner Joan Harper, from Ethalinda Blackman of Midland.

For Ubi the cat, owner Betty Rickey, from Ethalinda Blackman of Midland.

For Chloe the dog, owner Ann Beatty, from Betty Rickey of Fenton.

Make memorial, in honor of, building fund and daily expense donations payable to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 107 complaints the week of Jan. 15 - Jan. 21:

One EMS response, one hazardous situation, one service call-smoke removal assist, one snowmobile accident, two false alarm activations, one burglary/home invasion, two larcenies, one damage to property, one drunkenness, nine public peace/disorderlies, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 33 traffic accidents;

One traffic violations-civil infraction, five accidents-all other, six civil matters/family disputes, eight suspicious situations, two natural deaths, 26 general non-criminal complaints, four driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Jan. 25 - 31 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will conduct live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Jan. 25 - 26 and 29 - 31.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to

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OBITUARIES



Harry C. Weideman

April 22, 1922 - Jan. 20, 2007

Harry Carl "Art" Weideman, 84, of Grayling, passed away on January 20, 2007.

He was born in Detroit, on April 22, 1922, to the late Harry and Helen (Nimoth) Weideman.

He graduated from Detroit McKenzie High School in 1940 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August of 1942. He served as a troop carrier pilot in the Southwest Pacific in 1944 and 1945. He was decorated with both an air medal and a commendation medal. He retired in 1968 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He married Monica Brady on May 18, 1946, and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2006.

He was a charter member of the Grayling Rotary Club, a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award, lifetime member of the Grayling Country Club, real estate broker/manager of Cornell Realty 1970-1982, and was a member of the VFW Post #3736.

He is survived by wife, Monica; children: Cynthia J. (Arthur) Wakeley of Cheboygan, William (Molly) Weideman of Midland, and Thomas (Belle) Weideman of Troy, Ohio; grandchildren: Katherine and Stacey Wakeley, Michael and Christopher Weideman, Susan Soderberg, Peter and Charlotte Weideman; great-grandson, Elijah Soderberg; brother, Robert (Laurie) Weideman of Fla; and sister Betty Seeley of Warren.

A service of military honors will be held in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Grayling Rotary Club, P.O. Box 373, Grayling, MI 49738. Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Kenneth R. Lademan

July 22, 1942 - Jan. 21, 2007

Kenneth Richard Lademan, 64, of Frederic, passed away on January 21, 2007.

He was born in Detroit, on July 22, 1942 to the late Richard and Frances (Hyland) Lademan.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Sgt. First Class. He worked as an electrical technician and did electronic repair.

He married Carole Russell in Georgia, on August 8, 1964. They were married for 36 years before she preceded him in death in 2000.

Kenneth and his family moved to the Frederic area in 1979 from St. Clair Shores. He served as a firefighter and a volunteer EMS for approximately 20 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Kristin (Bradley) Wilson of Frederic, sons, Kenneth Lademan, II, of Nev., and Jason (Renee) Lademan of Grayling; five grandchildren: Andrew Wilson, Aaron Lademan, Alex and Austin Wilson, and Nickolas Lademan; sisters, Jeannie (Danny) Radisevich of Sterling Heights, and Diane Kott of Midland.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 27, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Sorenson - Lockwood Funeral Home. A funeral service with firefighter and military honors will be held at 4 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. Interment will be in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

<p>Christian Science Society 209 First St. - Suite 103 - Grayling (989) 732-7001</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30 am April through October 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p>Michigan Memorial United Methodist Church Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo 400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2914 Website: www.mmm-umc.org Barter Price</p> <p>Traditional Service 8:30 & 11:15 am Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11 am (Childcare Available)</p> <p>Serenity Day Adventist Pastor David Jorgensen Phone 989-348-1909 Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) Saturday Church Service 9:30 am Sunday Sabbath School 10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p> <p>Lovell's Community Chapel (Bible based & non-denominational) Pastor Larry Hankins Associate Pastor Tom Fennice 8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovell 989-348-2701</p> <p>Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am Morning Worship 11 am Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm</p> <p>Free Methodist Rick Secord - Pastor 6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093</p> <p>Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am Morning Worship 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm</p> <p>Emma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship 11 am Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am</p> <p>Heritage Baptist Pastor Ernie Wiegner 348-1411 heritagebaptist-grayling.org 1841 Harwick Pines Rd. 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I-75 Business Loop</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints President David Page 600 North Elm Street, Grayling</p> <p>Sacrament 10 am Sunday School 11 am Primary 11 am Priesthood 12 noon Relief Society 12 noon</p> <p>Burning Bush Tabernacle Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278 501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling</p> <p>Sunday School 10 am Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service 11 am Sunday Evening Service 6 pm Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm (van transportation available)</p> <p>St. John Lutheran (ELCA) 710 Spruce Street 348-3224</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Community of Christ Pastor Ann Doty North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751</p> <p>Church School 9:45 am Prayering 11 am Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community Robert W. 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Cui River Rd Roscommon, MI 48633 Phone: 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722 E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Calvary Baptist Church Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor M-72 West</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm</p> <p>Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613 In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on</p> <p>TV 29 & 8 7:30 am Sunday Classes 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday Evening 7 pm 1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service. Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm</p> <p>Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor Lyle Stender 211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5525</p> <p>Sunday School 10 am Sunday Service 11 am & 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening 7 pm</p> <p>Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor John Scott 705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 am Sunday Service 11 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm</p> <p>Bear Lake Christian Associate Pastor Scott Hoffer M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.</p> <p>Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School 9 am Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm</p> <p>Luzerne Baptist Pastor James Duffee 2247 Duffee Lane</p> <p>Sunday School 10 am Sunday Morning Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm</p> <p>Church Alive Church of God Pastor David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska • (231) 258-3448</p> <p>Sunday School 10 am Sunday Service 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed) 7 pm</p> <p>Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS) 905 N. I-75 Bus. 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Fourth graders at Grayling Elementary School took part in several activities as they celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Above, Hannah Golnick, Randi LeMaster, Alex Payne and Vanessa Kinsel display the medallions they made for an art project.

Fourth graders celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Fourth grade students at Grayling Elementary School had an opportunity to mix learning, fun and friendship on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 15, while learning about the many contributions of Dr. King.

The students rotated through centers on random acts of kindness, the power of words by listening to Dr. King's speeches, wrote about the topic of their dreams for the world and did an art project.

"This was an opportunity for the students to mix with friends from other classrooms and learn about a man who made his mark on history," said Dawn Feldhauser, a fourth grade teacher. "We will definitely be doing more of this in the future as the kids really enjoyed this experience and came away with a better understanding of why Dr. King is considered to be such an important man in our history."



Jordan Shoemaker works on her "I Have a Dream" essay on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Resorts, festivals adjust to changing weather

by Michael Carney
Capitol News Service

With tourism revenue down for Northern Michigan businesses, hopes are high that cold weather lasts and winter — and visitors — is here to stay.

"We've seen a lot of the ski areas not open to full capacity," said Kirsten Borgstrom, media relations manager for Travel Michigan. "However, many of the resorts and communities put a spin on the winter weather and continued to draw."

"For example, Boyne Resorts have an indoor water park and they have been promoting it more," she said. "Luckily we are starting to dip below 28 degrees and business owners are jumping up and down because winter is here."

Travel Michigan is the state's official tourism promotion arm.

"We have heard numbers are down where the weather is a factor," said Borgstrom.

However, if opportunities exist for travelers that don't depend on cold weather, such as Boyne's water park, they are still drawing visitors.

"Clearly, the mild start has certainly impacted tourism up here," said Brad VanDommelen, president of the Traverse City Convention and Visitor's Bureau. "Those that depend on snow have been impacted more."

For Northern Michigan, where the economy depends heavily on tourism from down-state residents and other visitors, the belated winter arrived just in time.

"This is the most challenging winter I've had," said Jim Bartlett, general manager of Nub's Nob Ski Area in Harbor Springs. "However, we are not as down as you would think. We are 13 percent off versus last year's season."

Other ski resorts have been able to minimize the economic damage with reasonably good conditions due to machine-made snow on warmer days, said VanDommelen.

"Ski conditions have got much better recently," he said.

The ski area in Harbor Springs was able to offer all of its groomed slopes and trails for the first time this season on Friday, said Bartlett.

In comparison, it opened with all its slopes for the first time on Dec. 17, 2005, for the 2005-06 season.

Although his business isn't as slow as might be feared, Bartlett said, he wished the state had done more to promote winter tourism during the warmer-than-usual period.

"I'm very disappointed in the state travel bureau," he said. "They haven't spent one dime on winter tourism. They have allocated 100 percent to summer tourism, even if we have a good year."

"We're an important part of the local economy. We have something to sell," Bartlett added.

VanDommelen said his office works with Travel Michigan and they've discussed expanding more into winter promotions.

"But in order to do more, they

need the resources to do so," he added.

Travel Michigan, like other state agencies, is finding it difficult to get enough funding.

"It's important for representatives to understand how important tourism is and the benefits of state tourism," VanDommelen said.

"We have a national quality product here," he added. "We don't have a product problem, we have a promotion problem."

Organizers of local winter festivals hope people will come, but there's some fear tourists won't be aware they're still going on.

"We've had a lot of people say, 'Oh no, it's not going to happen,' but it is," said Denise MacKenzie, a member of the Houghton Lake Tip-Up Town executive committee.

Tip-Up Town, one of the largest Northern Michigan winter festivals, began Jan. 19 and will continue Jan. 27 and 28.

There was concern, even with the cold weather, that tourists wouldn't show up, at least for the first weekend.

"We believe the second weekend will be really good after people realize we are still going ahead," said MacKenzie.

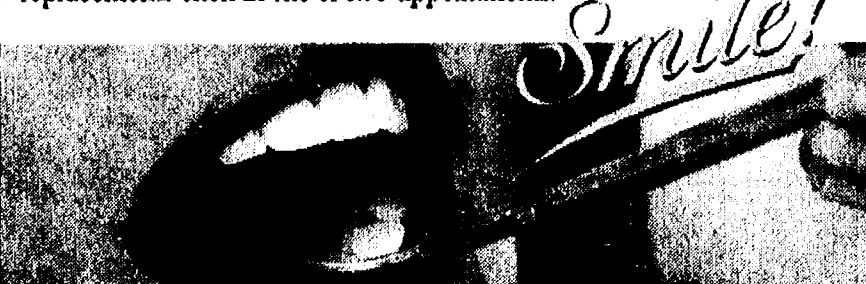
Typically, the festival sells between 15,000 and 20,000 badges, which serve as admission to the events, she added.

"It's good timing we got the snow when we did," said MacKenzie. "We've had to cancel our vintage snowmobile racing and motorcycle ice racing, but the rest is still going to happen."

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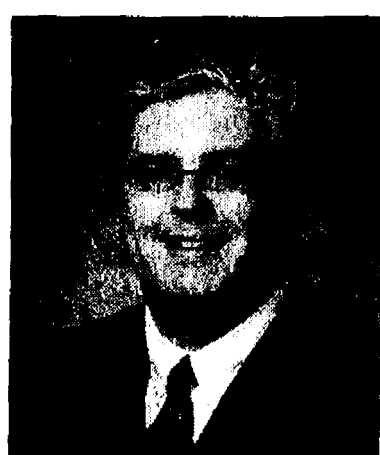
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K of C announces free throw contest winners

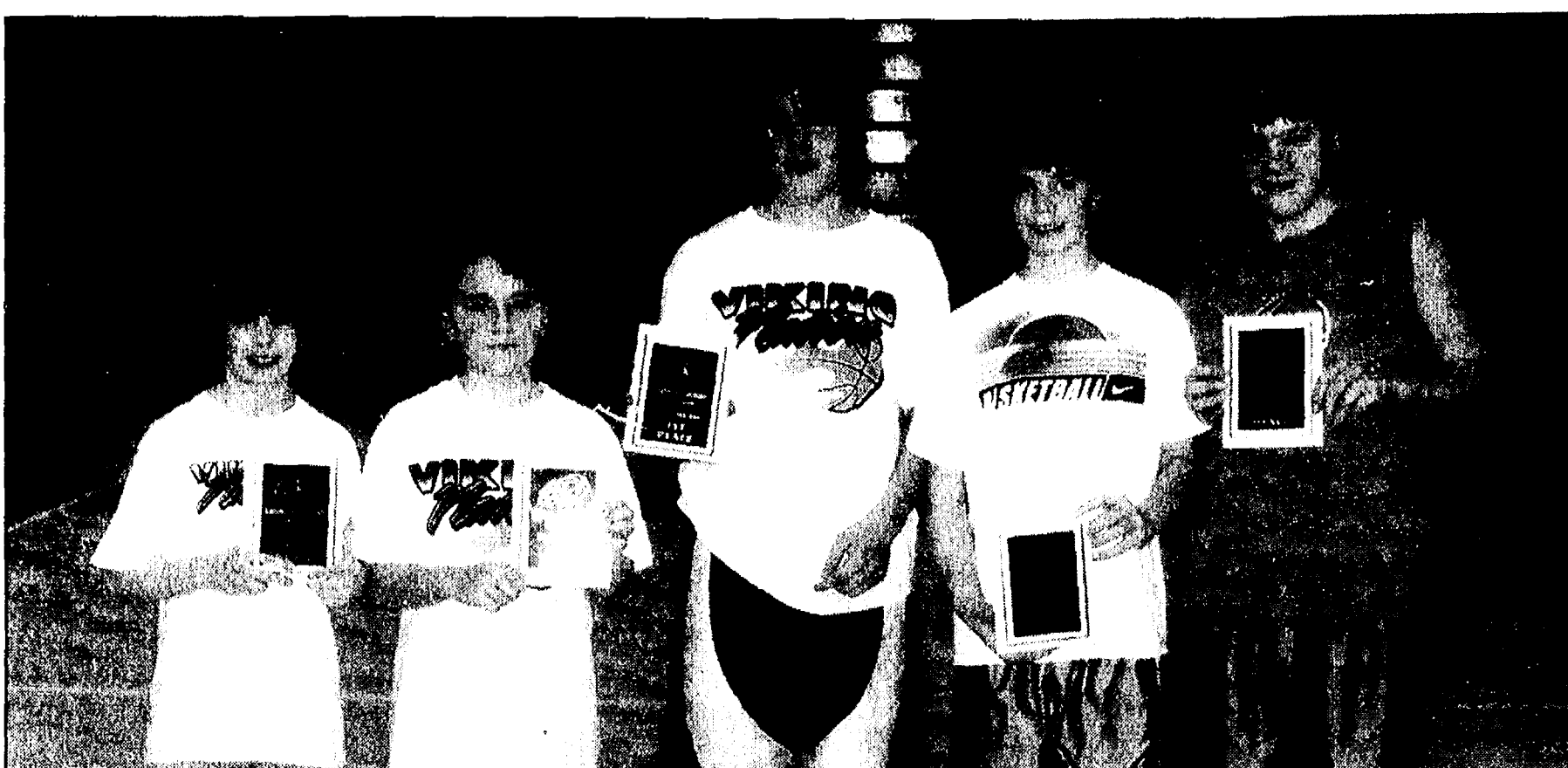
The Grayling Knights of Columbus recently announced the 10 winners -- five boys and five girls -- for this year's K of C Free Throw Championship. The

competition, which was open to young people ages 10-14, was held at the Grayling High School gym on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The winners of Grayling K of

C's 2007 Free Throw Championship event were: (boys) Jake Swander (10), Tyler McClanahan (11), Steven Enos (12), Jensen Aubry (13), Taylor

DesEnfants (14); (girls) Cierra Prosser (10), Stanna Dorn (11), Majerle Nielson (12), Teresa Schreiber (13), Kirstie Wakeley (14).



The K of C Free Throw Championship winners (boys), L to R: Tyler McClanahan (11), Jake Swander (10), Jensen Aubry (13), Taylor DesEnfants (14), Steven Enos (12).



The K of C Free Throw Championship winners (girls), L to R: Teresa Schreiber (13), Kirstie Wakeley (14), Majerle Nielson (12), Stanna Dorn (11), Cierra Prosser (10).

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Danielle Lepsy and Thomas Lozon of Grayling, announce

the birth of a daughter, Taylor Nichole, born at Mercy Hospital on December 25, 2006, at 3:25 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10.7 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Andrea Mast and Larry Hall of Marion, announce the birth of a son, Micheal Alan, born at Mercy Hospital on December 26,

2006, at 2:44 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 13 ozs.

Angela Monroe of Mio, announces the birth of a son, Wyatt LeRoy, born at Mercy Hospital on January 6, 2007, at 1:58 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 6.6 ozs., and measuring 22 inches in length.

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Filming starts for Sledge to Vyborskaya

The Roscommon Area Community Cinema Group gathered at the Craft Center Gym on Jan. 6 and 7 and completed all green screen shooting for the film, "Sledge to Vyborskaya."

The film is based on the short story "Misery" by Anton Chekhov and is produced by Roscommon resident Paul Wheeler. The film stars Jerry

Werle, Deborah Glicker, William Campbell, James Rankin, and David Griffis all of the Roscommon - Grayling area.

Now they will all go to the Prudenville Historical Museum and Wellington Farm, USA to complete the outdoor shooting on Jan. 20 and 21, if there is enough snow.

Aside from a few microphone

problems, the shooting went well even though the star, Jerry Werle, had come down with the flu. Being a true trooper, Werle showed up and gave his all. He was truly living his part of a man suffering deep misery.

The editing on the film should be completed by spring and DVD's will be available at both museums this summer.



The Roscommon Area Community Cinema Group gathers in the Craft Center in Roscommon to complete green screen shooting for "Sledge to Vyborskaya."



James Rankin, of Grayling, is interviewed for the making of the documentary for the film, "Sledge to Vyborskaya." Sean Casey, also from Grayling, is filming the documentary.

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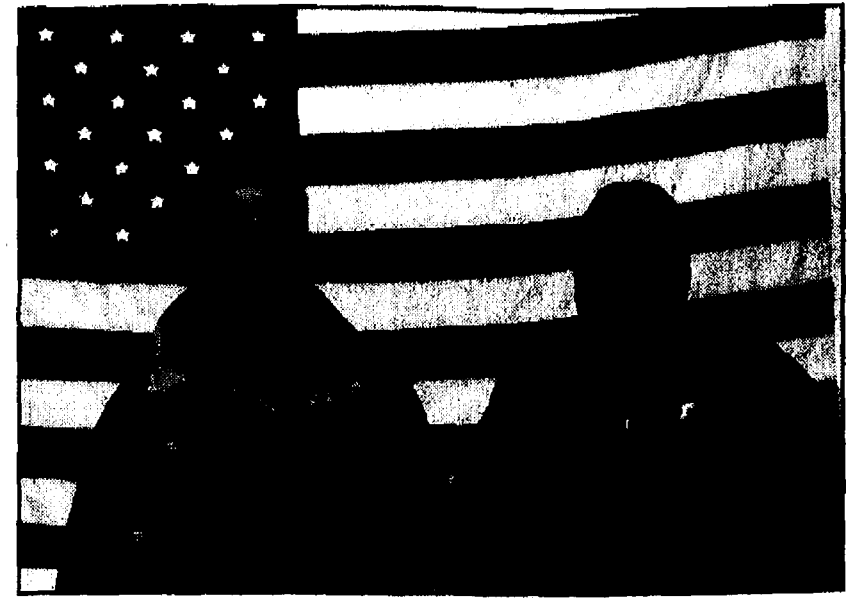
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Students attend Shrine Circus



The Grayling Shrine Circus Club, which has been taking fifth grade students from the Grayling Elementary School to the Shrine Circus for over 60 years, continued its annual tradition last weekend. Seventy-five students and eight adult chaperones traveled by school bus to the Dow Event Center in Saginaw for this year's Shrine Circus held on Saturday, Jan. 20. The cost of the trip was defrayed by generous donations from the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association and members of the AuSable Shrine Club of Grayling. All fifth grade students from Grayling are invited to attend the circus at no cost to the student or adult chaperone. Above left, Nathan Chad, Ghayge Toomey, Torrey Messerschmidt and Meagan Malm receive their tickets for the circus. Above right, Jerry Gosnell, the president of the the Grayling Shrine Circus Club and AuSable Shrine Club of Grayling, is pictured with Deputy Shawn Schnoor, the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Advise for choosing a tax return preparer

Taxpayers who pay someone to do their taxes should choose a preparer wisely. If you choose to use a paid tax preparer, it is important that you find a qualified tax professional. Taxpayers

are ultimately responsible for everything on their return even when it's prepared by someone else.

The most reputable preparers will request to see your records

and receipts and will ask you multiple questions to determine your total income and your qualifications for expenses, deductions, and other items. By doing so, they have your best interest in mind and are trying to help you avoid penalties, interest, or additional taxes that could result from later IRS contacts.

While most tax return preparers are professional and honest, taxpayers can use the following tips to choose a preparer who will offer the best service for their tax preparation needs.

Ask about service fees. Avoid preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers, or those who guarantee results or base fees on a percentage of the amount of the refund.

Choose a preparer you will be able to contact after the return is filed and one who will be responsive to your needs.

Ask questions and get references from clients who have used the tax professional before. Were they satisfied with the service received?

Check to see if the preparer has any questionable history with the Better Business Bureau, the state's board of accountancy for CPAs or the state's bar association for attorneys. Find out if the preparer belongs to a professional organization that requires its members to pursue continuing education and also holds them accountable to a code of ethics.

Determine if the preparer's credentials meet your needs. Are they an enrolled agent, Certified Public Accountant or tax attorney? Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters including audits, collection actions and appeals. Other return preparers may represent taxpayers only in audits regarding a return they signed as a preparer.

You can report suspected tax fraud and abusive tax preparers to the IRS on form 3949-A, Information Referral or by sending a letter to Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888. Download form 3949-A from IRS.gov or order by mail at 1-800-829-3676.

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Grayling students selected as Student Ambassadors

Four outstanding Grayling students have been selected as Student Ambassadors to travel and study in Europe the summer of 2007. The students will travel with the People to People Program, an educational program founded by Dwight D. Eisenhower. The 20-day trip will take them to England, France and Italy, and while in France they will enjoy a two-day home stay with French host families.

While representing the United States these students will experience new cultures, gain confidence and leadership, world awareness and new friendships and memories. While in England the Ambassadors will experience Buckingham Palace, explore the historic Tower of London, visit the home of the Crown Jewels and attend a West End theater show. Some past Ambassadors have had an opportunity to meet the Queen of England. One confidence building exercise will take place in England while repelling off a 100 ft. castle tower.

In France the students can admire Paris from the Eiffel Tower, see the "Mona Lisa" at the Louvre and explore the lavish Palace of Versailles. The students will also walk the beaches of Normandy and get an understanding of what our soldiers faced on June 6, 1944.

Rome will bring a visit to the

famous Roman Colosseum and the ruins of the ancient Roman Forum. Rome would not be complete without a visit to Vatican Square and could result in a glimpse of the Pope. A trip to Monaco and much more is also planned.

These Grayling Ambassadors will also receive high school credit while traveling and studying "across the pond." "This is a chance of a lifetime for these students to explore what else our world has to offer" said one Grayling parent.

Each of these Student Ambassadors has a huge task to complete before July 2007 and that is to raise their tuition. Each student must raise over \$6,000 each to cover trip cost and spending money. They will be doing individual and group fund raisers throughout our community to help raise funds.

A bake sale will take place at Glen's Market on Jan. 28, from 9 p.m. - 4 p.m. The group will hold a beef stroganoff dinner at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Feb. 10, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A babysitting night will take place on Feb. 16, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. for those would like to go out for their Valentines dinner. A place to hold the babysitting evening is still in the work.

The cost will be \$35 for a family up to three children or \$17 per child.



Grayling's Student Ambassadors shown are (front) Robert Thiel, (back) L to R: Jessica Pickell, Elaina Murray and Tabbitha Pelkey.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Jan. 14 - Jan. 21:

Two traffic warnings, five civil infraction citations, one traffic accident, two private property accidents, two motorist assists, two felony arrests, one misde-

meanor arrest, three civil complaints, six assist other departments, one disturbance complaint, one animal control complaint, four suspicious situations, three larceny complaints, three alarm complaints, four city ordinance violations, one domestic assault complaint and 14 unclassified complaints.

BUSINESS NEWS

Paul Mesack

Dr. Paul Mesack has been named immediate past president of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. Mesack, owner of both the Grayling Animal Hospital and Roscommon Veterinary Clinic, was president of the MVMA board in 2006.

Mesack is a member of the MVMA Continuing Education Committee, and was a governing trustee for the Michigan Animal Health Foundation. He is a member of the Michigan Veterinary Conference Executive Committee representing the MVMA board of directors and

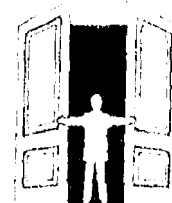
serves on the MVC Continuing Education Committee.

"We were privileged to have Dr. Mesack's knowledge and experience leading our board this past year," says Karlene Belyea, MVMA executive director.

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Day of Class: Wednesday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling Middle School - Computer Lab
Cost: \$80.00 (includes book)
Instructor: Nancy Hatfield
Learn how to find the digital camera that is right for you and how to take great pictures whether close up or a long distance away. We will show you how to freeze action when taking digital pictures instead of taking blurry photos, and how to take pictures in dim light without a flash. Learn what all the program settings on your camera are for. Also, learn how to transfer your digital images to your computer, how to store your images, how to use computer software to manipulate your images to get rid of "red eye," punch up the interest in your photos, crop your photos and learn ways you can share your photos with others.

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Class Starts: February 5, 2007
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
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Instructor: Barb Hunter
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Day of Class: Thursday
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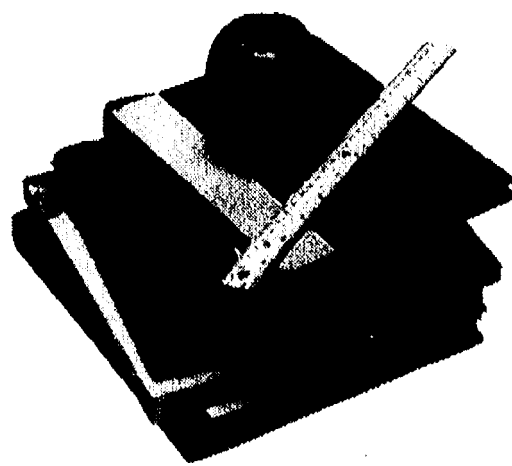
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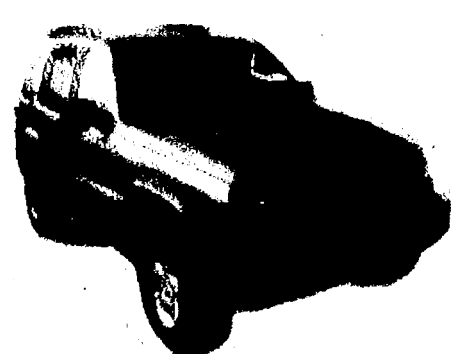
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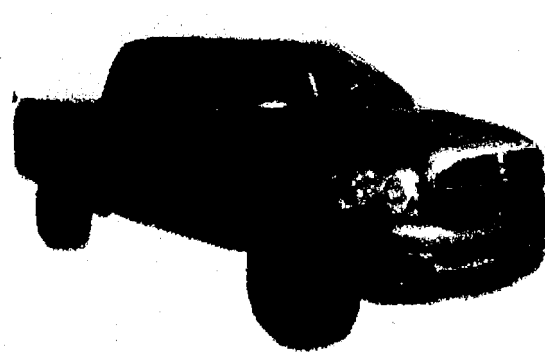
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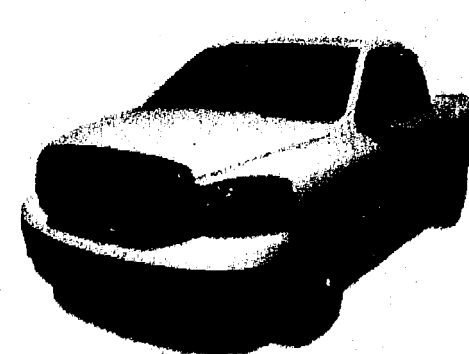
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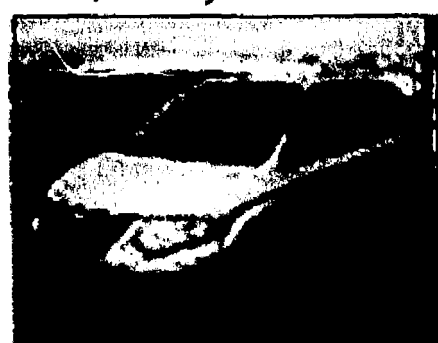
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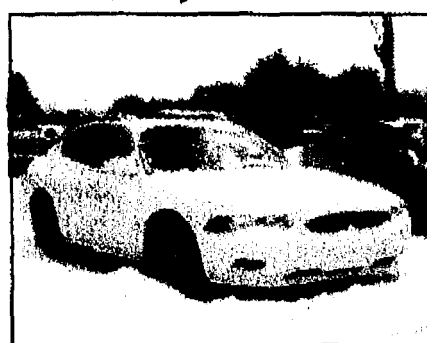
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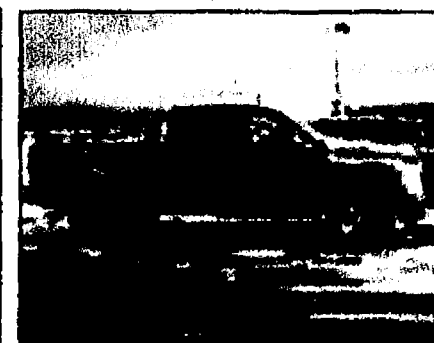
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Wrestling team defeats Standish Sterling Central, Elk Rapids

■ Vikings win by scores of 54-29 and 55-23 vs. Elks and Panthers on Thursday

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Standish Sterling Central and Elk Rapids in last Thursday's varsity wrestling meet held at Grayling Middle School.

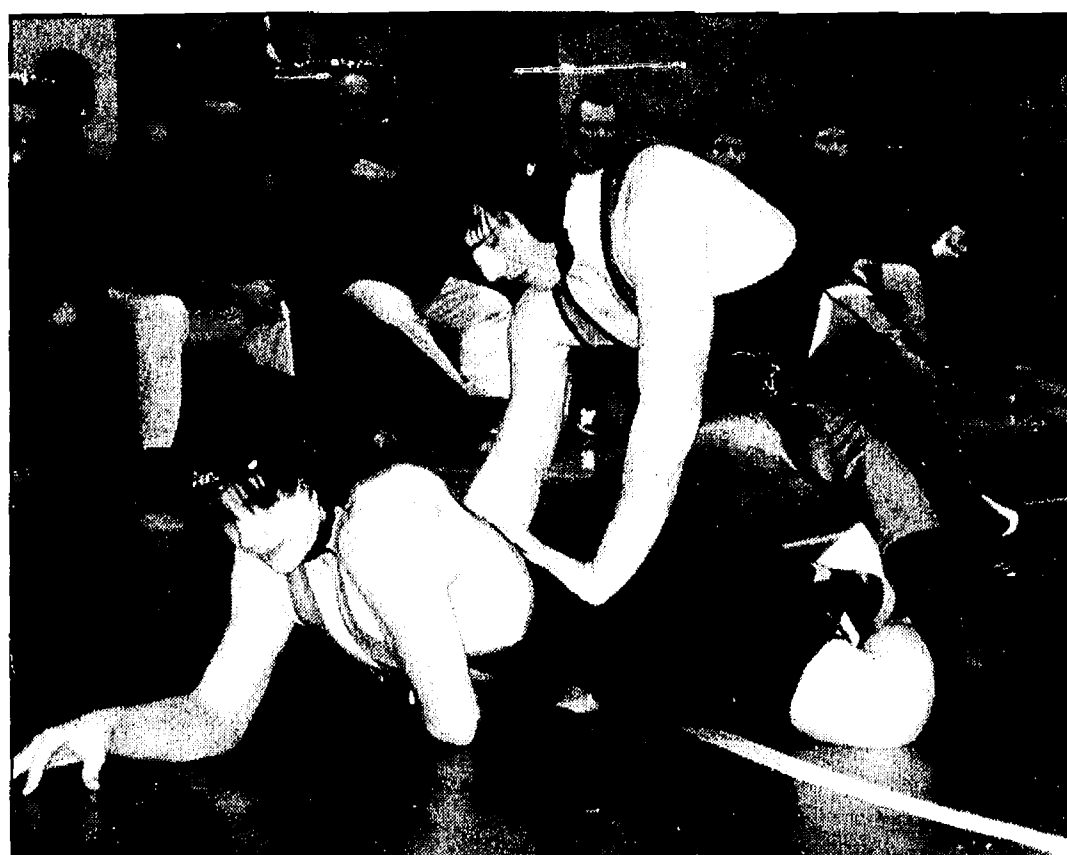
The Elk Rapids Elks posted a 42-36 victory over the SSC Panthers in the first match of the night. Grayling then faced Standish in the second contest, starting with the 112-pound division.

Josh Moggo (112) won by default to give GHS a 6-0 lead. Standish Sterling Central won at 119 and 125, both by pin. Steven Grove (130) won by default and Grayling forfeited the 135-pound division. Cody Collen (140) and Cody Malone (145) both pinned their Standish opponents in the first round, putting the Vikings back in the lead (24-18). SSC won a 15-0 decision at 152 to pull within one, 24-23.

Jeff Bancroft (160) won by default. Eric Madill (171) pinned his opponent in the second round. In the final four weight classes, Matt Haight (189), Matt Letts (heavyweight), and Rob Harrison (103) won by default for Grayling and Standish won the 215-pound weight class with a pin. GHS won by a final score of 54-29.

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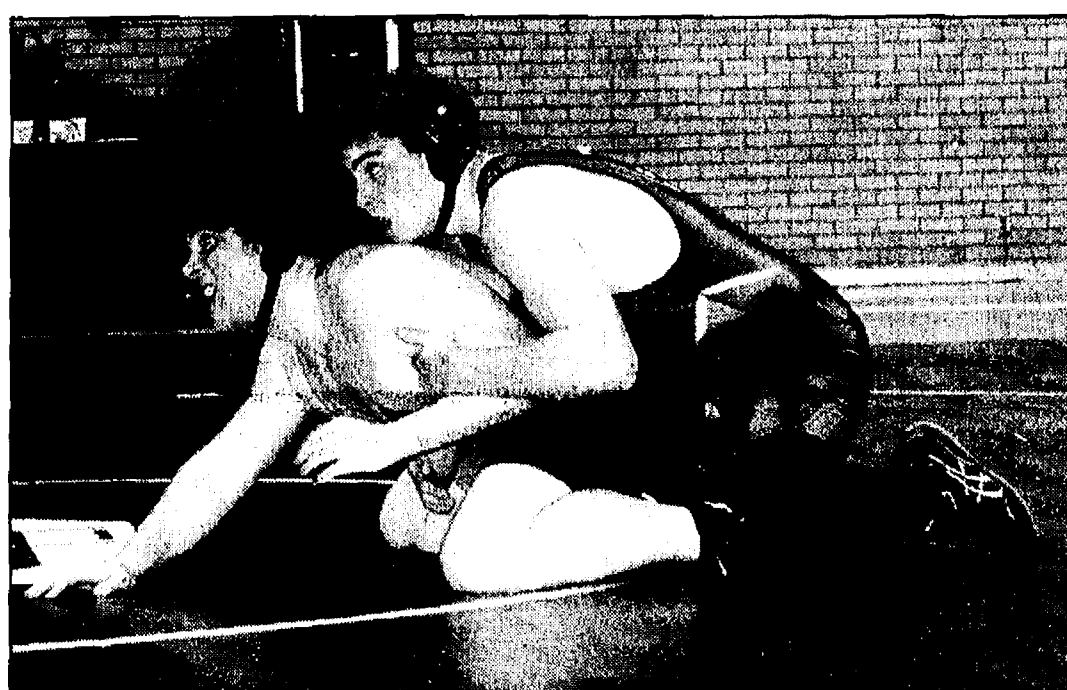
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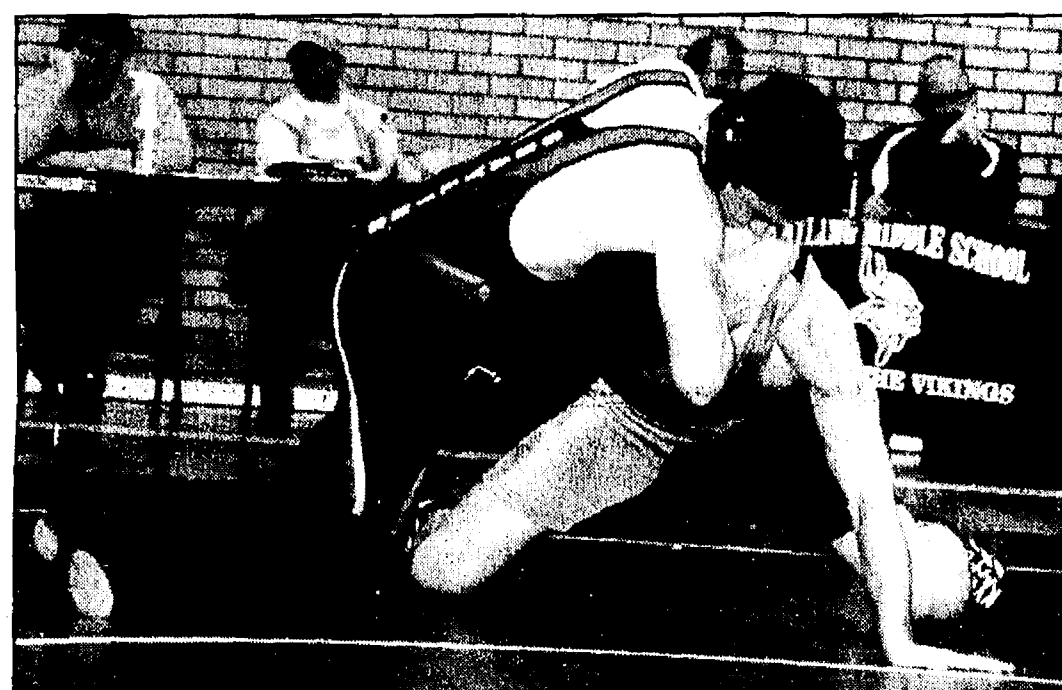
Steven Grove (130) wrestles against Elk Rapids on Thursday. Grove won the match by decision, 12-1.



Matt Letts competes in the heavyweight division for GHS vs. the Elks. Letts pinned his opponent in the first round.



Matt Haight (189), left, and Cody Malone (145), right, wrestle against opponents from Elk Rapids on Thursday night.



9th grade volleyball team wins meet vs. Kalkaska 2-0

■ Vikings defeat Blazers 25-13, 25-10 in best-of-three series at GHS on Monday

The GHS freshman volleyball squad posted a 2-0 series victory over the Kalkaska

Blazers last Monday in a meet played at Grayling High School.

The Vikings won the best-of-three series 25-13, 25-10.

"Savannah Foguth led the team in assists. Grace Calkins and Kelsey Neuberger led the

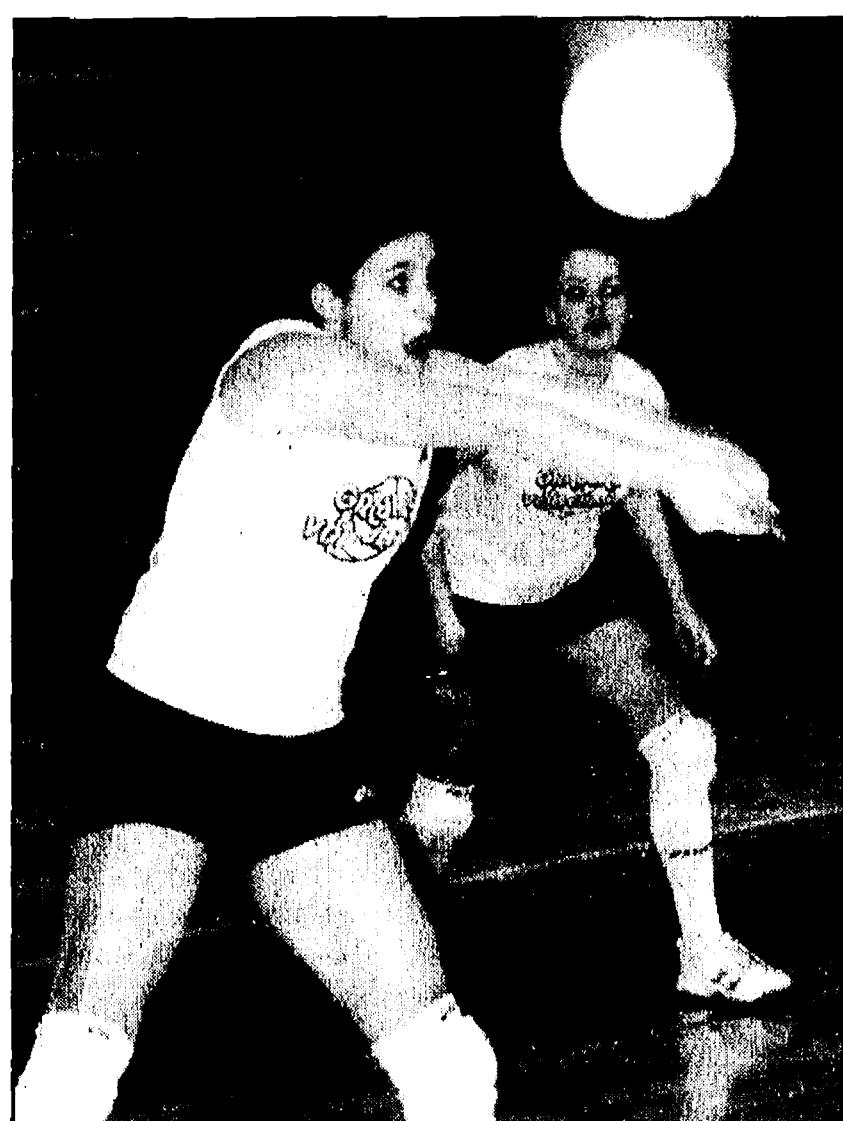
team in blocks. Trisha Jones and Suzanne House were key servers. Trisha had 14 serves and Suzanne had 15. Grace Calkins also led in kills while Sierra Williamson played great defense. Brandi Creel added some good defense, too."

Coach Jessica Belusar said.

"The whole team looked great," Coach Belusar said. "The best attribute to their success was defense. The girls moved and worked together so

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See "9TH GRADE..."



Trisha Jones (left) and Grace Calkins (right) hit the ball for the Vikings during last Monday's freshman volleyball meet at Grayling High School.



Vikings win JV volleyball series against Kalkaska

■ Blazers win first game 25-17, but Grayling rallies for 26-24, 16-14 victories

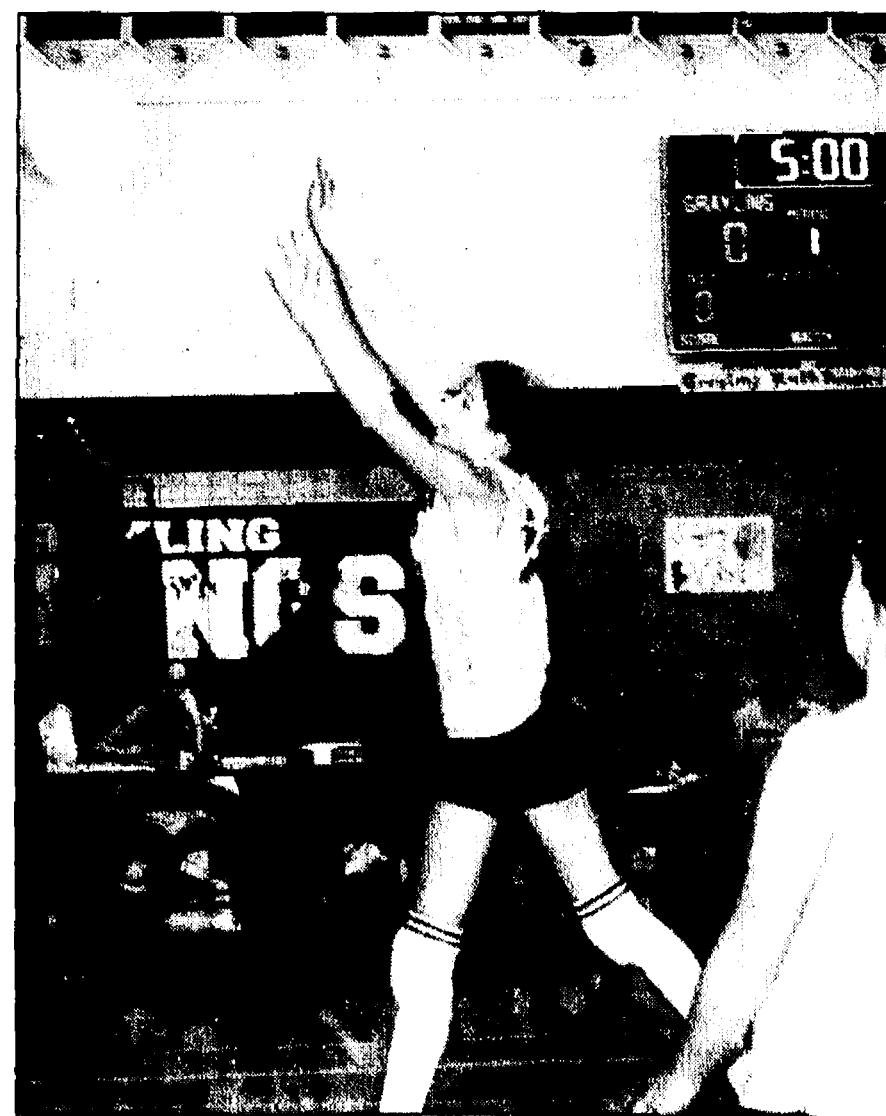
Grayling High School's junior varsity girls volleyball team won its meet against the visiting Kalkaska Blazers two games to

one last Monday.

Kalkaska won the first game of the best-of-three series 25-17. Grayling tied the meet at 1-1 with a 26-24 victory in game two. The Vikings posted a 16-14 win in the rubber match to secure

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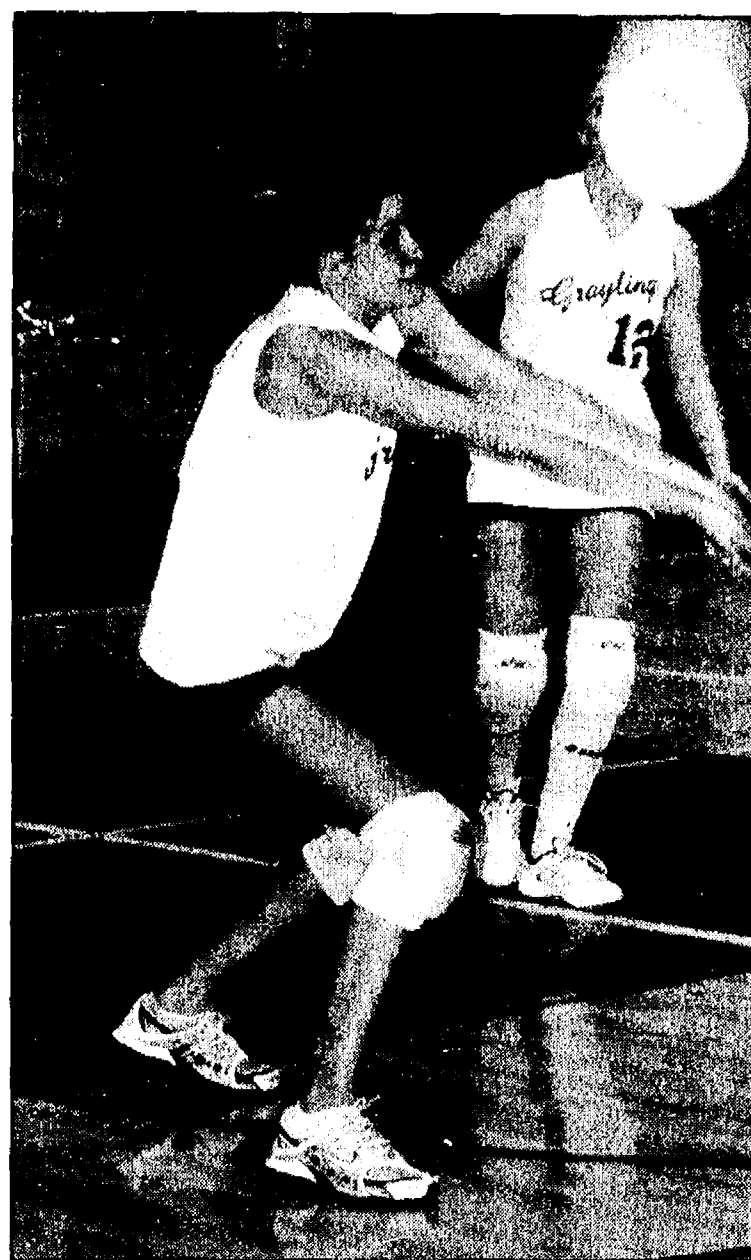
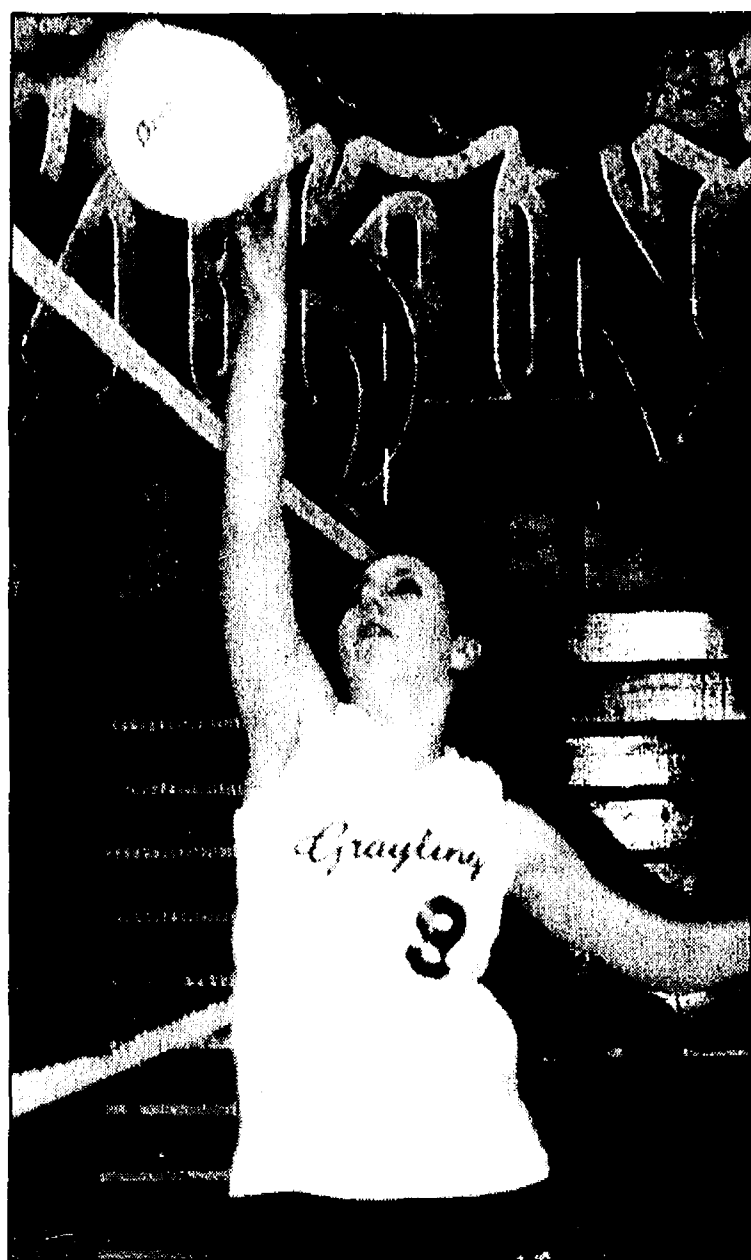


Mollie Golnick hits the ball for Grayling's JV volleyball team on Monday night vs. Kalkaska.

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Varsity squad hosts Blazers on Monday



Jamie Hagerman (left), Abby Wheeler (center), and Monica Peters (right) hit the ball for Grayling during last Monday's varsity girls volleyball meet vs. the Kalkaska Blazers at GHS. Kalkaska won the best-of-three series 3-1 (18-25, 12-25, 25-15, 21-25). The Vikings will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Vikings win JV volleyball series against Kalkaska

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a 2-1 series victory.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, the Vikings competed against Kalkaska (freshmen), Suttons Bay, and Petoskey in a tournament at Kalkaska. Grayling defeated the Blazers 2-0 but fell to Suttons Bay and Petoskey.

"It was hard for the girls to play a freshmen team because we tend to play at the level of our competition. We were not setting the ball up to attack and we were not communicating and working as a team. Our serving is what kept us in both games against them. Cayla Johnson served amazing with 10 out of 12 and nine of them being aces. Jessica Bindschattel was perfect, serving six for six," Coach Arica D'Amour said.

Grayling's offensive and defensive leaders vs. Kalkaska included: (serves) Kayla Hawes, 7-8, 2 aces; Johnson, 10-12, 9 aces; Bindschattel, 6-6; Mollie Golnick, 5-6, 3 aces; Joni Bindschattel, 2-3, 1 ace; Bethany Cornell, 2-3; (attacks) Hawes, 6-6; Je. Bindschattel, 5-6; Samantha Schreiber, 5-5; Golnick, 5-6; Ashley Feldhauser, 4-5; (digs) Hawes, 3-3; Je. Bindschattel, 6-6; Jo. Bindschattel, 6-6; Schreiber, 5-6; Talia Piper, 4-4; Feldhauser, 3-3; Brianna Ferrell, 2-3; (blocks) Golnick, 2-2; Feldhauser, 1-2.

"Suttons Bay is a very good volleyball team. We got off to a bad start in our first game, allowing them to score several points. We tend to dig ourselves a hole. Sometimes we can get out of it and other times we can't," Coach D'Amour said. "The girls did not play well as a team. Volleyball is all about team chemistry and we just didn't have that. We mixed some things up and worked together in the next couple games but fell short."

"Kayla Hawes did a great job stepping in and setting for the first time this year and Mollie Golnick helped with her six for six serving performance. I was once again very pleased with Ashley's performance on the net, having seven attacks," Coach D'Amour said.

Against Petoskey, "We again had communication problems and fell apart mentally, which hurt us physically. I saw more desire and determination in the final game against Petoskey than I have yet from this team. That is what I keep stressing to them. If they want it bad enough and work together they are a great volleyball team and can succeed," Coach D'Amour said.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Grayling played in a three-team meet at East Jordan vs. the Elk Rapids Elks and East Jordan Red Devils.

The Vikings defeated Elk Rapids 2-1 (18-25, 25-22, 25-22).

"We improved our serve receive, which allowed us to score more points off of attacks," Coach D'Amour said. "Mollie did well on the net, getting seven positive attacks for points. Ashley was again strong, leading our attacks with 10. Cayla did a great job moving to the ball to set up our hitters. This was probably her best setting yet this season. Our serving was great and with rally scoring it is important. Kayla led the team serving 14 for 15 with five aces."

Grayling's leaders on offense and defense were: (serves) Hawes, 14-15, 5 aces; Cornell, 10-11; Golnick, 8-11; Je. Bindschattel, 7-9, 1 ace; Johnson,



Talia Piper handles a Kalkaska serve during last week's JV meet against the Blazers.

5-8, 1 ace; Schreiber, 3-5, 2 aces; (attacks) Johnson, 8-8; Je. Bindschattel, 9-12; Golnick, 7-11; Feldhauser, 10-10; (digs) Schreiber, 7-8; Golnick, 3-3; (blocks) Feldhauser, 2-2; Golnick, 1-1.

Grayling lost to East Jordan (23-25, 19-25, 11-16).

"The girls played hard as a team the first game. We were doing everything right and lost it at the end. The second and third game we had some passing and communication issues that cost us the game. I have been stressing that we need to set it up and attack more and Ashley did a

great job of that tonight. Sam and Jessica did a great job stepping up and making their serves," Coach D'Amour said.

Leading hitters for Grayling included: (serves) Hawes, 6-8; Johnson, 9-12, 2 aces; Je. Bindschattel, 6-6; Schreiber, 6-7; Cornell, 7-7; Golnick, 6-6, 1 ace; (attacks) Feldhauser, 11-14; Golnick, 3-5; Je. Bindschattel, 3-4; (digs) Je. Bindschattel, 7-9; Piper, 7-11; Schreiber, 3-3; (blocks) Golnick, 2-2.

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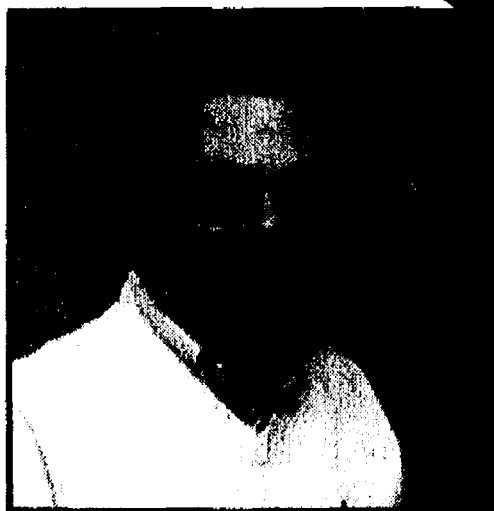
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9th grade team wins vs. Kalkaska

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that no ball hit the ground untouched. I am very proud of their step forward tonight."

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Vikings played against East Jordan and Traverse Bay Academy at East Jordan. Grayling defeated Traverse City (25-9, 25-12, 15-7) but fell to East Jordan (20-25, 15-25, 13-15).

"Sam Schmidt led the night in serving with two attempts, no errors, and nine aces. Savannah Foguth led the night in assists. Suzanne House led the team in defense. Sierra Williamson led the team with seven kills on the night and Grace Calkins led in blocking," Coach Belusar said.

"East Jordan was a sound, skilled team. They hit the ball hard and served deep. The team

worked hard to stay in the game but it wasn't enough tonight. They did learn to overcome a loss and play on against Traverse Bay Academy. Each game we learn new things about ourself to fix. Each player continues to get better," Coach Belusar said.

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD January 8, 2007 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, Little and Hartman. There were 9 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor, and Fire Chief.

There were 3 pieces of correspondence.

New Business:

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to make 7 changes to the General Budget, as presented. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.
2. Discussion regarding a request from the County and Grayling Township for help to fund the recycling program. Board would like more information and suggested that we meet with the Crawford County MTA Chapter to discuss said request.
3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the proposed Poverty Guidelines Resolution as presented. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.
4. The Board was presented yearly reports on use of the Community Center and trash bag sales.
5. Discussion regarding our Dangerous Building Ordinance and when we should go ahead with the demolition of three structures that have went through the hearing process and declared unsafe.
6. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay the AP bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk



(Left) Jason Drudge drives to the basket for the Vikings on Tuesday night at Kalkaska. (Right) Rocky McNamara shoots the ball for Grayling vs. the Blazers.



Varsity squad loses league matches to Blazers, Gladiators

Grayling falls to Kalkaska by two points, 45-43, in road game on Tuesday

Two conference losses last week dropped the Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team's league record to 3-4 and left the squad's overall record at 3-6.

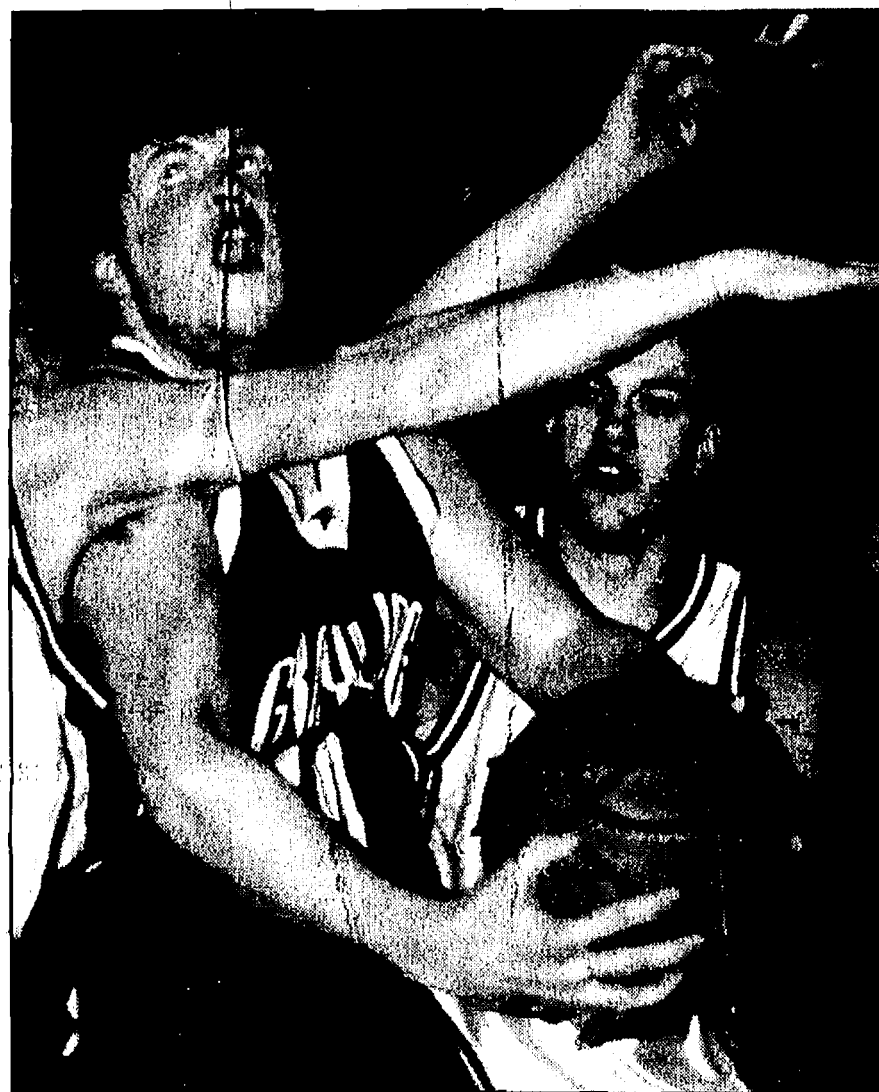
On Tuesday, the Vikings lost to the Kalkaska Blazers by two points, 45-43, at Kalkaska.

Grayling led 9-7 after one quarter and had a 19-17 advantage at halftime. The score was tied at 29-29 going into the fourth period.

At the 2:45 mark, the Blazers hit a three-pointer to extend their lead to six, 43-37. A jump shot by Steve Hodge cut Kalkaska's lead to four. The Blazers answered with a jumper to lead by six again. At the 54-second mark, Jim Boylan hit two free throws to pull GHS back within four. With 18 seconds remaining, Boylan scored two free throws to cut Kalkaska's lead to two points. The Vikings stole the ball at their defensive end of the court and called timeout with 4.5 seconds left in regulation. Grayling tried a long pass into the paint, but the Blazers deflected it at the top of the key and Kalkaska grabbed the ball, ending the game. The Blazers won 45-43.

"We played solid defensively. Our team scrapped and challenged shots," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Offensively, our shooting left a lot to be desired. Fifteen of 46 from two-point, one of 10 from three-point does not get the job done and most of our shots were within 10 feet."

Boylan had 12 points and 17 rebounds for Grayling. Mike Boylan had 10 points and 11



Jeremiah Bootz handles the ball underneath the basket during last week's game against Kalkaska.

rebounds.

On Friday night, Grayling hosted the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators.

TCSF led 19-12 after one quarter and had a 32-27 advantage at halftime. The Gladiators won by 13 points, 55-42.

"Defensively we did a nice job of pressuring the ball and stepping into the passing lanes. We settled down defensively after the first quarter and we were pretty solid," Coach Moffit said.

"Offensively we are improving in taking care of the basketball. Fifteen turnovers is an improvement for this squad. However, we made 10 of 38 two-point field goals - 26 percent - and we were 7 of 18 - 39 percent - from the

(free throw) line. We are getting great looks at the baskets - our kids are not shooting the ball with confidence."

"If we can improve this area of our game, we can win a number of games. You look at our season stats, we are shooting 37 percent from the two-point range. Improve that to 45 percent and we are sitting pretty nice record wise," Coach Moffit said.

Hodge had 13 points for GHS. J. Boylan had 8 points and 8 rebounds. M. Boylan had 4 points and 10 rebounds. Trent Larm and Josh Stapleton had 7 points apiece.

The Vikings will travel to Boyne City on Friday, Jan. 26, for another league matchup.



(Left) Josh Stapleton looks to shoot for the Vikings vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Friday. (Right) Justin Summers controls the ball for Grayling on Friday night.

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Binert and Andrea G. Binert, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by reason of merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2000 and recorded December 6, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 9/100 Dollars (\$72,512.09) including interest at 12.41% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Number 39, Riverside Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 201.3614
-18-25-1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Corey Rock, a single man and Kristen Gilmore, an adult woman, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2003, and recorded on April 17, 2003 in Liber 629 on Page 230, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Three And 32/100 Dollars (\$54,803.32), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: January 18, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #123115F01
-18-25-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Harold

E. Baker and Carolynne Baker, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated April 19, 1991 and was recorded on April 19, 1991 in Liber 324 on beginning on page 51 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now **Ninety One Thousand Sixty Eight and 84/100 (\$91,668.84) Dollars**.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on **February 7, 2007** at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 8.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner thereof and running thence South 89°44' 1/2" East on the North line thereof 487 feet to the West line of County Road, thence South 2°00' West along same 685 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 2°00' West along same 100 feet; thence North 89°44' 1/2" West, 200 feet, thence North 2°00' East, 100 feet; thence South 89°44' 1/2" East 200 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will expire **six (6) months** from the date of sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 28, 2006
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
F/K/A THE FARMERS HOME
ADMINISTRATION,
OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PREPARED BY:
JOHN R. TUCKER (P37348)
WINEGARDEN, HALEY, LINDHOLM
& ROBERTSON, P.L.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Aaron S. Blaine and Joann D. Blaine, husband and wife, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2003 and recorded August 21, 2003 in Liber 648, Page 584, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wachovia Bank, N.A. as trustee for CHASE 2003-5 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 79/100 Dollars (\$84,364.79) including interest at 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

West 200 feet of South one-half of South one-half of Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of, Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 209.4050
-18-25-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mort-

gage made by Ann M. Patterson, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded December 22, 2005 in Liber 679, Page 138, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-One and 05/100 Dollars (\$62,261.05) including interest at 9.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lots 7 and 8, Harting Pines Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 231.5351
-18-25-1-8

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

TO: KIMBERLY METTLER, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE STATED MATTER:

Where whereabouts are unknown, and upon whom person service of Summons cannot be had, Defendant in said proceedings.

You are hereby notified that J.G. Wentworth S.S.C., Limited Partnership, as Plaintiff, has filed garnishments in the District Court in and for Polk County, Iowa, Case No. CL 95370, the purpose of which is to garnish funds owing to the Defendant from AmerUs Life Insurance Co., 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

You are hereby notified that all persons having or claiming any interest in the action described in the caption or in this case or objecting to these garnishments shall file a Motion, Answer, other pleading to contest the garnishments with the District Court in and for Polk County, Iowa, 500 Mulberry Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

The Section 642.14 of the Iowa Code requests that you be told the exact language of Section 630.3A of the Iowa Code. That section reads:

At any time after the rendition of Judgement the Court, upon application of the Judgement Creditor or the Judgement Debtor and upon notice to the adverse party as the Court shall direct, shall conduct a hearing to determine the reasonably expected annual earning of the Judgement Debtor for the current calendar year and the applicable limitation upon garnishment as provided in Section 642.21. The Court shall also consider in the interest of justice whether a greater amount than provided in section 642.21 shall be exempt from garnishment. In making this determination, the Court shall consider the age, number and circumstances of the dependents of the Debtor, existing federal poverty guidelines, the Debtor's maintenance and support needs, the Debtor's other financial obligations, and any other relevant information. An order reducing the garnishment may be modified or vacated upon the application of a party to the Court, notice to the adverse party, and a showing at the hearing of changed circumstance. An additional filing fee shall not be assessed for proceedings under this section.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT A LAWYER FOR ADVICE AS TO THE MEANING OF THIS NOTICE.

J.G. WENTWORTH S.S.C. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, Plaintiff

By: Margaret A. McDevitt, #AT0005082
BRUMBAUGH & QUANDAHL, P.C., L.L.O.
4885 South 118th Street, Suite 100
Omaha, NE 68137
(402) 554-4400
ITS ATTORNEYS
-18-25-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrel M. Sauter, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc. as nominee for NovaStar Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded August 10, 2006 in Liber 682, Page 746, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Three and 19/100 Dollars (\$98,203.19) including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A-1: Being part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West. Commencing at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 13, thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East 1317.38 feet (recorded as 1318.0 feet); thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 52 seconds East 805.82 feet (recorded as North 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 806.0 feet); thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds West (recorded as North 00 degrees 19 minutes West) 187.73 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds West 210.58 feet; thence South 64 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds West (recorded as South 64 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West) 148.35 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds East 146.99 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 36 seconds East 133.54 feet to the place of beginning. Together with a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress as recorded in certificate of survey recorded in Liber 290, Page 46, Liber 329, page 262 and Liber 598, Pages 508 through 510, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 402.0216
-18-25-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7221-DE
Estate of Jean Margaret Gothro, Date of Birth: 06/07/1917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jean Margaret Gothro, who lived at 605 Maple, Grayling, Michigan died 07/05/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Linda K. Welch, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 01/11/2007

Sierra R. Koch, PLLC P69281
306 State Street, P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6141

Linda K. Welch
PO Box 23
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989)348-7246
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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clara Silk, a single woman, to Aggressive Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 1998 and recorded April 6, 1998 in Liber 450, Page 490, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by EMC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two and 67/100 Dollars (\$19,632.67) including interest at 11.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 297 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest

quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; running thence East 80 rods; thence South 132 feet; thence West 80 rods; thence North 132 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 18, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.3572
-18-25-1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy T. Thomas and Stacey M. Thomas, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argente Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 302, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders, Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCW2 as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand One Hundred Eighteen And 32/100 Dollars (\$100,118.32), including interest at 7.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 14, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: January 11, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #079283F02
-11-18-25-1

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:
Faithie Ann Fraley and Terry Fraley, Wife and Husband
to

Argent Mortgage Company LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2005 and recorded July 12, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 197 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Trustee under POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of August 1, 2005 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$107,903.11) including interest 6.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
A Part of the North Half of the South Half of Section 31, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford

County Michigan, Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of Section 31, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Thence North 00 Degrees 50 Minutes 07 Seconds East Along the North-South Quarter Line 2253.76 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 00 Degrees 50 Minutes 07 Seconds East 139.10 Feet to the Easterly Right of Way of M-93 and I-75 Business Loop; thence Northwesterly along said Easterly Right of Way line and arc of a 3349.04 Feet Radius Curve to the Left 63.13 Feet of which the chord bears North 14 Degrees 22 Minutes 51 Seconds West 63.11 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 09 Minutes 53 Seconds East 416.56 Feet; Thence South 00 Degrees 30 Minutes 07 Seconds West 200.00 Feet; Thence North 89 Degrees 09 Minutes 53 Seconds West 400 feet to Point of Beginning, Containing 1.85 Acres.

Commonly known as 398 1-75, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: JANUARY 4, 2007 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Trustee under POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of August 1, 2005 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ4,

Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 06-61852
-11-18-25-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 06-7208-DE
Estate of ALMA MARGARET GORECKI, Date of Birth: 7/21/1924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ALMA MARGARET GORECKI, who lived at 6050 North May Lane, Frederic, Michigan died October 5, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barry Simmons, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 01/16/2007

Christine M. Brzezinski, P35405
P.O. Box 948
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-7777

Barry Simmons
2516 Katsura
Howell, MI 48855
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SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006 1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Mayor Akers at 7:30 P.M. with a quorum present.

Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

- City Council Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2006
- Accounts Payable and Financial Summary Reports for November 2006

Approval of the land split for tax parcel 20-070-008-010-015-00

Approval to authorize the City Manager to implement a Life Insurance Program for City Employees

Approval that the City of Grayling's Policy for Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance be at 40% of premium costs to be effective January 01, 2007

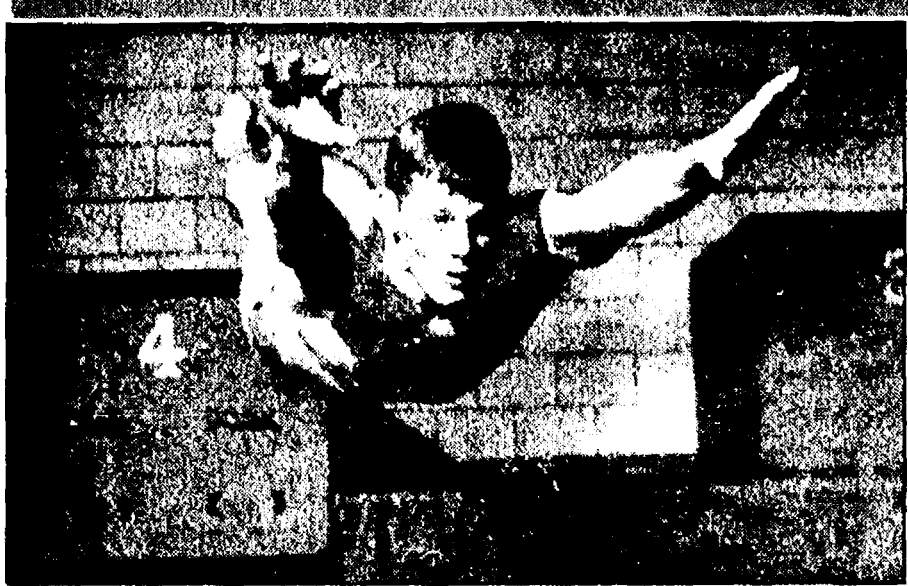
Approval to go into closed session for property acquisition update

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:29 PM

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk
Agendas can be found on our website:
www.cityofgrayling.org

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



January 26, 1961- Tom Haskett, a Central Michigan University freshman from Grayling, plays an important role in helping the CMU swim team compile a 4-3 record for the first half of the season.

**23 Years Ago
January 26, 1984**

John Kraus, part owner in two Grayling Ben Franklin stores, filed an amended lawsuit Tuesday, Jan. 17, against the Kmart Economic Development Corporation project. William Carey, the attorney representing Kraus, said the amended lawsuit contains an additional complaint that will attempt to show why Kraus has the right to bring legal action against the project.

Thanks to the Grayling community, the Crawford County United Way had a great 1983 campaign. As to date, we have accumulated \$12,161.98, a 22 percent increase over the 1982 campaign.

Five Grayling basketball play-

ers hit double figures against Houghton Lake as the balanced scoring nipped southern rival Houghton Lake 66-60. Jon Nicholas led the offense with 15 points, Paul Hamlin 13, Jim Stewart 12, Rodney Patterson 12, Wayne Ross 10, and Jeff Branch 2. Ross knocked five shots out of the air on defense and now has 43 blocked shots for the year, he also grabbed 12 rebounds and Patterson hauled down 8.

Grayling wrestlers earned four titles in a tournament and picked up two league wins as injured wrestlers returned to the line up. Tom Sorenson, one of the injured wrestlers returning to give new life to the squad, won two titles at tournaments.

The Grayling volleyballers

hardly worked up a sweat against Boyne City 15-2, 15-51-2, and 15-0 in less than a half hour. Head coach Becky Brown said her team was 100 percent on bumping opportunities, not missing one attempt.

Things couldn't have looked brighter for Bill Lucksted, of Grayling, after signing a contract with the Michigan Panthers, champions of the United States Football League. On opening day of training camp in Arizona, Lucksted hauled in the first pass thrown to him and scored a touchdown. But by the end of the first day of practice, after heavy testing on weight machines, an old back problem returned to haunt him, forcing him to leave camp.

**46 Years Ago
January 26, 1961**

Last Thursday, the Vikings ski team played host to the Houghton Lake High School ski teams in a practice meet. The down hill race was a fast one, but the terrain wasn't rough enough to cause any spills. Both viking teams out skied the Houghton Lake teams in this event.

Mrs. George McEvers assisted her daughter, Denae, in celebrating her fourth birthday on Jan. 17, by inviting 12 little friends for an afternoon party. April Patchak and Yvonne Bobenmoyer won prizes in the games. A birthday cake was made by her great aunt, Mrs. Bernard Hall, in the shape of a train. Denae received some very lovely gifts.

Word from Mrs. W. O. Hildebrand tell us their daughter Miss Kathryn has arrived safely in Japan and will be working there as a secretary for the American Red Cross for the next two years.

**69 Years Ago
January 28, 1938**

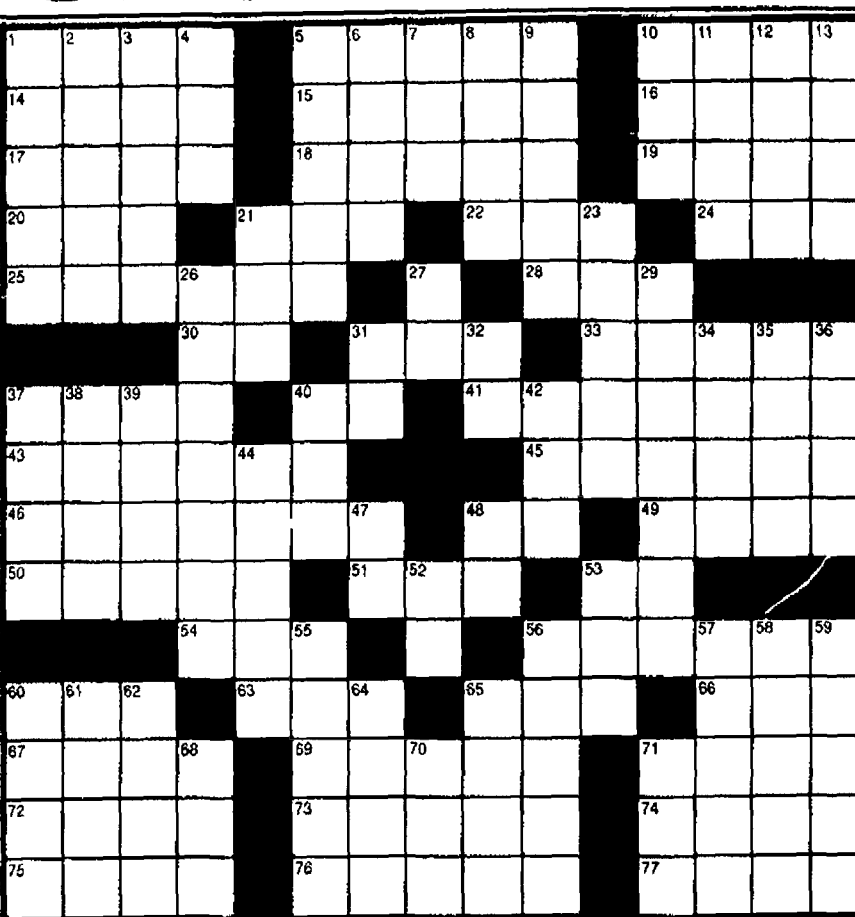
It was a great show, the Golden Gloves tournament that was held at the school gymnasium three nights last week and two this week. Over 100 entrants made the affair a spirited one. Grayling's contributions of entrants made good showings, but, with the exception of Rudy Harrison, were unable to reach the finals last night. Harrison, a middleweight fighter, won the district championship by defeating Frank Whiteman and Charles Gonzer, both of Boyne City.

Carl Hanson is away from his work, ill at his home with the flu. An injury he received a few weeks ago when he had the misfortune to break a couple of ribs and fractured two more is not helping the cause along any. He was hurt when he helped extricate a truck that was stuck. It will be some time before he is back on the job.

**92 Years Ago
January 28, 1915**

Photographer Wingard beat the limit when he had pictures of the school house on fire on sale as soon as some of the people were returning from the fire. He made six different views, all of which are good.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Three-year-old bull or ox.
 - Tubular glass bead sewn onto clothing for decoration.
 - Removes obstructions from.
 - Charge against a citizen's person for the support of government.
 - Church announcement of an intended marriage.
 - Acronym for United States Employment Service.
 - Booking for musicians.
 - William, archbishop of Canterbury.
 - Terminate in a specified way.
 - Came into possession of.
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 - Criticize with scathing severity.
 - Companion.
 - Look at carefully.
 - Wet thoroughly.
 - Irregular-shaped amoeba.
 - Referring to the degree to which a certain quality is present.
 - Shaped like a wedge.
 - Used for expressing direction toward a person.
 - First-person possessive adjective in the English language.
 - Underground military installation where ballistic missiles can be stored and fired.
 - Occurring at fixed intervals.
 - Weedy vetches grown for forage.
 - Round, mild, yellow cheese coated with red wax.
 - Enhanced response of an antenna in a given direction as indicated by a loop in its radiation pattern.
 - Consonant produced without sound from the vocal cords.
 - Secant.
 - Lizard.
 - Passed a cord through holes.
 - Letter of the Cyrillic alphabet.
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 - Debut release of tabla player Talvin Singh.
 - Barbaric, destructive person.
 - Restaurants, chain in southern California.
 - Cause a floating log to rotate by treading.
 - Characterized by great caution and wariness.
 - Referring to the axis.
 - City on the River Aire in northern England.
 - Make no bones about.
 - Quality of a person's voice.
 - Enthusiastic and assured vigor and liveliness.
 - Subject to great tension.
 - Eastern South African river.
 - Late time of life.
 - Reduce moisture.
 - Belonging to oneself.
- Down
- Two-person 15-1/2-foot racing dinghy.
 - of the Gold Monkey.
 - Removes obstructions from.
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

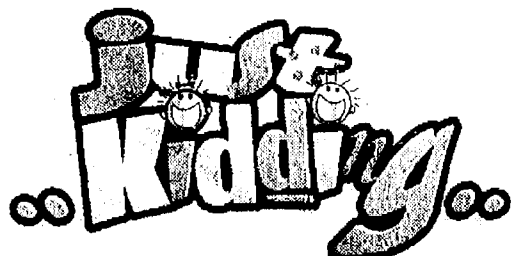


Swirlicious Chocolate - Peanut Toffee

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|---|--|-------|--|
| 1 | cup dry-roasted peanuts,
chopped, divided | 1/2 | cup packed brown sugar |
| 1 | cup (2 sticks) butter | 1 | tablespoon light corn syrup |
| 1 | cup granulated sugar | 1 2/3 | cups (10oz. package)
chocolate & peanut butter
morsels |

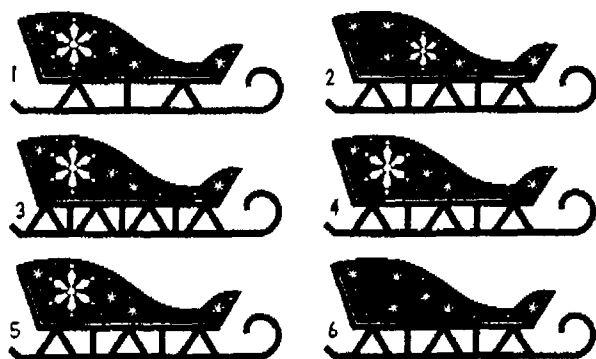
LINE 13 x 9-inch baking pan with foil. Butter foil. Sprinkle 3/4 cup nuts into pan. MELT 1 cup butter in medium, heavy-duty saucepan over medium heat. Stir in granulated sugar, brown sugar and corn syrup. Bring to a boil. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 6 minutes (about 290° F on candy thermometer). Remove from heat. Working quickly, carefully pour hot mixture evenly over nuts in pan. Immediately sprinkle with remaining nuts and morsels. Press down lightly before morsels begin to melt. REFRIGERATE for about 1 hour or until set. Remove foil; break into bite-size pieces. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

(Makes 40 pieces)



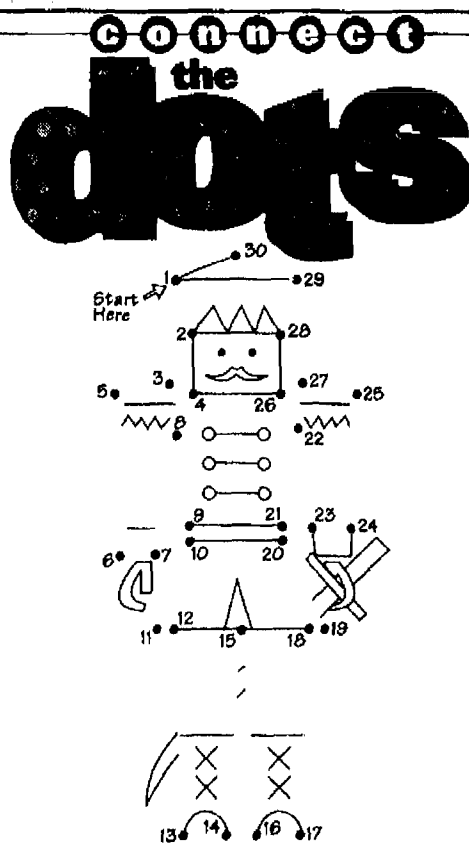
FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

The home team must provide the referee with 36 footballs for each National Football League game.



ADOPT A PET



Belinda
is a very cool 4 month old kitten. She is playful, friendly and really cute. This little purr machine has been spayed, Leukemia tested negative and vaccinated. All she needs now is a home.

Chia

is a really sweet black mixed breed dog. She is very affectionate and beautiful. Chia is great with other dogs and loves children. This is a gem.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascsp.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of January 25, 2007



CAPRICORN
December 22-
January 19

Searching for a way out of a social engagement, Capricorn? The answer is right in front of you. A financial goal is within reach.



ARIES
March 21-
April 19

The drama queen in you is screaming to come out. Keep it in check, Aries, or be prepared to pay the price. An old friend could use some advice regarding a health issue.



CANCER
June 22-
July 22

The odds are in your favor, and you benefit in a number of ways. Cancer. A financial risk pays off big, and you can finally afford that item you've been after.



LIBRA
September 23-
October 22

Wallflower you may be, Libra, but an upcoming activity will require you to step out of your comfort zone and take charge. You have the skills to be a leader.



AQUARIUS
January 20-
February 18

Your underdog qualities prove to be a real asset at work when you are given the lead on an important project with a tight deadline. Success will not elude you, Aquarius.



TAURUS
April 20-
May 20

Personal relationships begin to blossom, as you learn to balance work and home. Celebrate, Taurus, with a night off and a family outing. An auto issue is resolved.



LEO
July 23-
August 22

Chance encounters lead to more business and kudos for you, Leo. Take advantage of the golden period for a project close to your heart.



SCORPIO
October 23-
November 21

Your knack for compromise comes in handy at home when a family squabble breaks out. You will know just what to do and say to appease all, Scorpio.



PISCES
February 19-
March 20

Comedian you are not, Pisces, but that won't matter at a family function. The youth there will find you entertaining, and their parents will be grateful.



GEMINI
May 21-
June 21

The muses are on your side, and you aspire to great heights, Gemini. An amazing offer sends you on a wild goose chase, but you finally find what you've been looking for.



VRGO
August 23-
September 22

The sly fox in you is clawing its way out. Be careful how you use it, Virgo, or you could wind up hurting someone. A financial endeavor pans out!



SAGITTARIUS
November 22-
December 21

Feeling out of the loop, Sagittarius? Rearrange your schedule and make plans for a day out with your family. You'll be amazed at what you've been missing.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1/17	17	1	0.01						
1/18	26	7	0	High 12	High 25	High 23	High 24	High 20	High 24
1/19	27	20	0.09	Low 9	Low 20	Low 18	Low 12	Low 14	Low 16
1/20	22	13	0.08						
1/21	24	-3	0						
1/22	22	3	0.08						
1/23	25	8	0.02	AM Snow	Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers/Wind	Few Snow Showers	Scattered Snow Showers

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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06t/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

1. Real Estate

REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06t/1)

1. Real Estate

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, 8.77 acres, central air, wood burner, 2 / 30 x 40 pole barns, mechanics back garage heated with high ceiling, close to snowmobile trails, Grayling Township. \$129,900. 248-388-8106 or 810-794-7774. (-25-1/1)

FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

1st TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR offered by North Michigan Financial Services in Grayling on Tue., Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm. Discussion to include loan application process, programs to fit your needs, credit reports and scoring. Refreshments and special drawings. No charge or obligation for attending. Register now by calling (989) 348-2021 or stop in at 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (next to Save A Lot). North Michigan Financial Services, Inc. works only with equal opportunity lenders. (LR2/01/06/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/2)

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR2/15/06/2)

4 RENT Beautiful 5 acre river-front property with secluded 2 bedroom home. \$650 a month. Pets possible. 989-348-2621. (-25-1/2)

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Commercial & Residential

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NEW LISTING



Beautiful square 10 acre parcel in Maple Forest. All hardwoods with a 12 x 20 unfinished cabin. Two tree stands with shooting lanes cleared. Perimeter trail around all 4 sides. RV parking area cleared. Borders state land. \$32,000 #5802

NEW LISTING



10 acres with garage/cottage. Consists of kitchen area, living room, 1 bedroom, bath and the rest is open for toy storage or whatever it is you enjoy. State land across the street and Kneff Lake is about 2,000 feet away. \$65,000 #5805

NEW LISTING



18 +/- acres of beautiful hardwoods adjoining thousands of acres of state land. 30 foot 1995 Dutchman Travel Trailer floor boards need replaced, otherwise good condition, sold in "as-is" condition. Snow belt area. One area with tons of raspberry bushes. \$41,900 #5806

Two story home built in 2004. Full basement, partially finished. 3 bedrooms with 2 1/2 baths. Attached heated garage. Large deck and covered front porch. Within walking distance to downtown Grayling. \$179,000 #5796

Charming and well constructed salt box situated near the AuSable North Branch, Big Creek, and the snowmobile trails. Open floor plan with a full walk out basement. Garage has drive through doors perfect for snowmobiles. \$179,000 #5698

Clean, well kept older mobile home with covered deck and a nice attached one car garage. Home is approximately 1,044 square feet with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Located close to town. \$46,500 #5739

2 acre parcel on the corner of Chase Bridge and Diamond. This 2 bedroom cabin is clean as a whistle and comes furnished...what you see is what you get. Large loft area with 4 beds for all the company. It even has a one car garage. \$59,900 #5741

2005 built home, 1346 SF, large bath- room, 2 bedrooms but could be 3 bedrooms, tornado shelter, carport, and a great buy. Home is priced to move fast!! \$72,500 #5744

Seven rental units just north of Frederic. Building 1 has 5 units and is a block building 16 x 90. Units 1 thru 5 are efficiency units. Building 2 is a duplex which are 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$139,900 #5780

Featured Listing

25 ACRES WITH A POND



25 acres right outside of Frederic. 1300 SF cedar sided home with 20 x 24 block garage, property is mostly wooded and includes a 4 acre pond. Quiet, scenic and serene. A must see. \$195,000 #5750

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REDUCED



NEWLY REMODELED HOME
CLOSE TO TOWN! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living room, nice back yard with over 1/2 acre. New carpet, drywall and paint. New roof. Garage. Very Nice. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2313 \$86,500

50' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE!
800 Square feet fully furnished cottage with rustic knotty pine interior. State land across stream and snowmobile trails adjoining property! Perfect for all four seasons. \$57,500 #CH-2401

REDUCED



MULTI-SEASON RETREAT! Adjoining 1000's of acres of state land. Very nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home offers 1450 sq. ft. on 5 acres. New floor coverings, new windows and doors, new wiring and plumbing, energy efficient furnace that is prewired for air conditioning. New septic and drain field. New vinyl windows and siding. Front covered porch and womanized deck in back. Snowmobile trails right out your front door. Higgins Lake approx. 8 miles away. Home is just 3 miles off I-75. Immediate occupancy. CS-2430 \$92,000

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS!!
Completely renovated 1,250 s.f., 3 bedroom, and 1 bath home. Ceramic tile flooring, central A/C, raised six panel doors, drywall interior, whirlpool bath, and new 4 inch well. Adjoins State Land On West Side!! CH-2321 \$88,900

WOW! LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY? 3 bed, 1 bath, double city lot, open kitchen & dining area. Fresh paint, new vinyl siding. New floors in kitchen and dining. Washer, dryer & freezer included. Immediate occupancy. CS-2192 \$72,500

2.4 ACRES CLOSE TO AUSABLE RIVER AND STATE LAND. COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST! Like new 3 bedroom, 2 baths. New drywall and floor coverings. Vaulted ceilings. Oak kitchen cabinets, large pantry, garbage disposal. Central Air. Outside waster and electric. Sprinkler system. Turn Key with immediate occupancy. CS-2363 \$85,000

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VACANT LAND

Perfect nice size corner lot between Roscommon and Grayling to build a home, cottage, or cabin. The lot is also close to Higgins Lake and I-75 exit. #248907 \$6,900


20.2 acres with thousands of acreage that adjoins this property to the west. Excellent location to set up camp for deer hunting. #248916 \$51,000

A great 80 for hunting, and horses, or just having fun. Power is on road at East and West end of parcel. Lots of deer, bear, grouse and turkey in the area. #246491 \$199,000

A great 20 acre parcel within walking distance of a trout lake and only 330 ft from state land and 6 miles from the AuSable River. Take a long look at this one. #248535 \$60,000


185 feet of frontage on the Little Sturgeon River. Private road, 14 acres and very secluded. #241392 \$49,900

Reduced




3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home, clean and neat as a pin. Oak cabinets, 2-car heated garage and 5'x22' lean-to for extra storage. Beautiful landscaped, fenced-in back yard with dog run. Just minutes from boat launch at Lake Margrethe. #245883 \$124,900


Reduced




Spacious 5-bedroom home with full, unfinished basement, on almost 1/2 acre. Fenced lot, all newer windows and siding. Lots of potential, a great family home not far from schools, shopping and Houghton Lake. #247981 \$79,900




Large family home offers 4 bedrooms 1.75 baths, 2.5 car attached garage, Natural Gas Base Board Heat and Wood Stove. This home is located near the schools, golf course, and Higgins Lake. Home needs a little TLC but priced right. Home Warranty Included. Parcel 8, golf view sub also available for \$ 9,500 #242351 \$9,900



Wonderful 3-bedroom chalet on double lot with wood-heated garage for all the toys. Nice walk to Bear Lake beach and boat launch. Winter and summer fun out your door with great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and ORV trails. #244548 \$82,500



This charming mobile is ready to move into. Includes all appliances, window A/C, 2 garage openers, bedroom and bath at both ends. Large finished breezeway to garage and workshop, covered porch, small patio out doorwall off breezeway in back. Cement drive and large shed for gardening tools. Must see to really appreciate. #244765 \$46,500



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HOUSE FOR SALE

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURT HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.

Property is located at 1184 OLE DAM ROAD, GRAYLING, Michigan

The sale will be held at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court

Minimum bid: \$35,669.00

Property sells "As is"

The house is a 3 bedroom, 1 bath home

Lot Size: 20,000 sq. ft.

The foreclosure sale is subject to a six (6) month redemption period unless the property is deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Terms: Certified funds delivered to the Sheriff at the sale.

2. For Rent

NICE, CLEAN, COZY 2 bedroom home, well insulated, gas heat, minutes from town on East M-72. \$475, plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (11/30/06tf/2)

FOR RENT on Beaver Road, 3 bedroom home with garage located on 2 1/2 acres. \$650/month, plus security deposit. Please call Debbie at 348-7440 for application. (12/07/06tf/2)

FULLY FURNISHED, SPOTLESS 800 sq. ft. house near Lake Margrethe. \$650, plus utilities. Non-smoking only, references. 989-348-8627. (1/04/06tf/2)

FOR RENT Grayling 2 bedroom home, new carpet, fresh paint, includes stove and refrigerator. \$400, \$400 deposit. For appointment call 989-344-1406. (-11-18-25/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX plowing, lawn care, storage, non-smoking. 808 Park St., \$390. 348-2178. (1/11/06tf/2)

FOR RENT Two - two bedrooms. One in town, one in country. \$475/month, plus deposit. 348-4840. (LR2/1/06/2)

FOR RENT 1 & 2 bedroom units. 348-5230. (LR02/8/07/2)

IN CITY OF GRAYLING 2 bedroom plus office, 1 bath, large laundry and kitchen, 2-car garage. \$570 a month. First and last months rent, credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-25-1/2)

NICE, CLEAN two bedroom mobile with garage, washer & dryer, and appliances. \$450, plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-25-1-18/2)

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT in Grayling, private deck on AuSable, appliances, and utilities included, nice. \$500, plus deposit. Call 348-4872, 344-3624. (-25/2)

2. For Rent

LOVELY COUNTRY SETTING 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, garage, wood heat available. Short term lease available. \$600 per month, plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (1/25/07tf/2)

3. Employment

IMMEDIATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY as a Bay City Times motor route distributor, west side of Grayling/Lake Margrethe area. Vehicle is required. Afternoon deliveries Monday - Friday, morning deliveries on weekends and major holidays. For more information call Rob Crispian at 1-877-611-6397, ext. 243. (-25-1/3)

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (LR2/01/07/3)

CLAIMS AND FINANCE COORDINATOR Part-time position in Gaylord. An Associated Degree in Accounting/Finance or five years of related experience in accounting or finance is required. Computer experience and attention to detail are essential and knowledge of insurance/medical billing is helpful. We offer competitive wages and a pleasant work environment. Please send resume to Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, P.O. Box 1278, Gaylord, MI 49734. (-11-18-25/2)

LEELIN HOME HEALTH CARE, INC. is accepting applications for home health aides in Grayling and surrounding areas. If interested in being part of our rewarding team, contact Leelin Home Health Care at our corporate office to schedule an interview. 1-800-274-0100, Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm. EOE. (-18-25/3)

3. Employment

DRIVERS WANTED Earn tax free income by transporting people to medical appointments in your community. Drivers are required to have a 1996 or newer 4-door car/van and an excellent driving record. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage and wait time. Potential earnings of \$150 - \$450 per week. Semi-retired, retired people welcome to apply. Call 989 738-8671. (LR2/01/06/3)

THE BROOK RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES: RN Manager - To work a contingent schedule. This position requires a person to be highly organized, professional, good assessment/nursing skills, flexible. Need experience in geriatrics. Duties include clinical functions as well as activities, event planning, marketing, general management. Could possibly lead to part-time or full-time work. Please send resume to 195 State Street, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-18-25/3)

DRIVERS WANTED Dana Suttles Truck Leasing, LLC, a tank carrier, is looking for company drivers and owner operators to work over the road, out 7 - 10 days, from our Grayling, MI terminal. 2 years OTR or 3 years local verifiable experience, class A-CDL w/ Haz-Mat and Tanker endorsement required. Excellent benefit package for company drivers. Call 1-800-284-4373, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm. (-18-25/3)

RETAIL MANAGEMENT POSITION in Crawford County. Minimum 2 years QuickBooks, experienced management skills necessary. Full-time with benefits available. Send resume to: BHA, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-18-25/3)

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3. Employment

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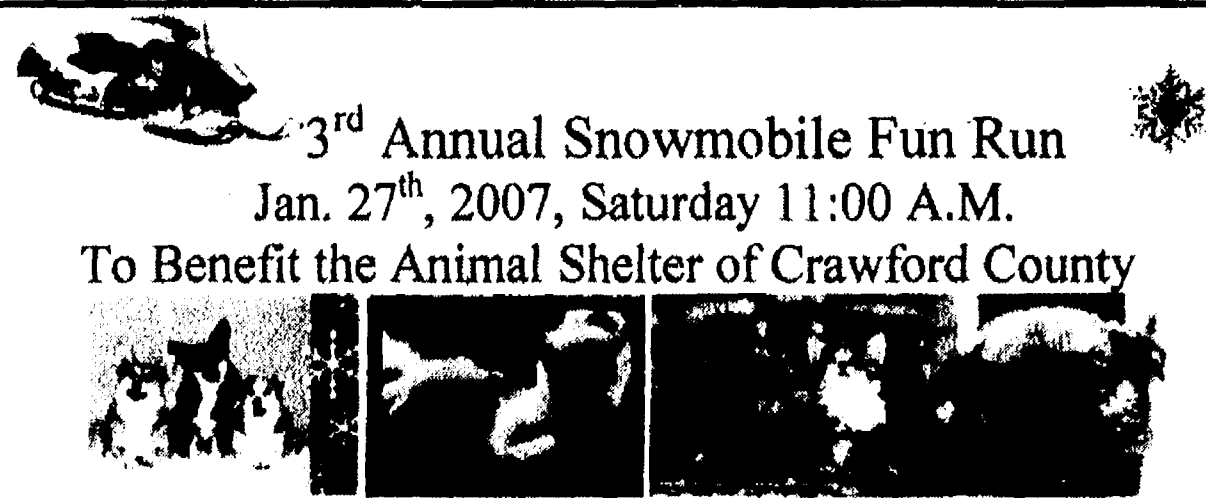
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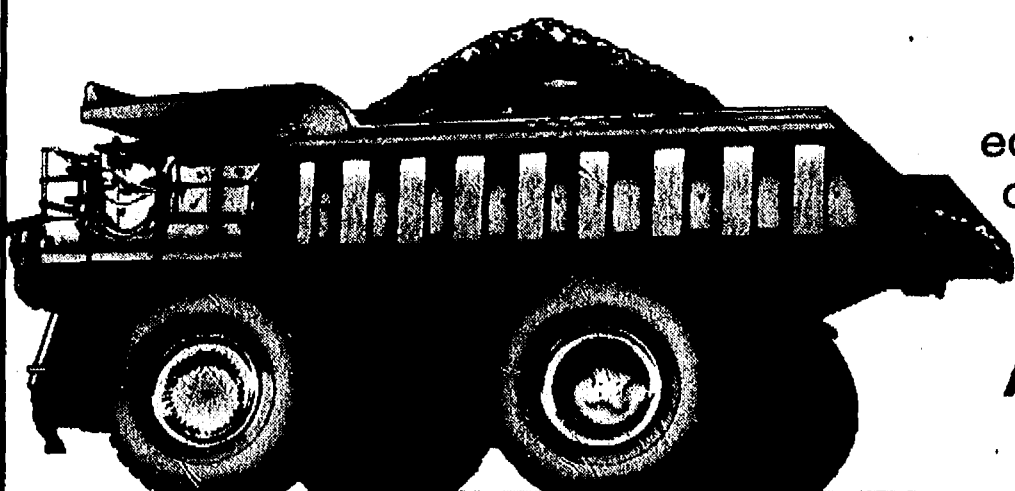
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VISITING VET PROGRAM of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County is taking appointments for vaccinations and basic veterinary services for clinics to be held Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and 22, from 10 am - 3 pm, at the shelter, 508 1/2 Huron St. (M-72 East) in Grayling. Call Simons Veterinary Clinic at (231) 584-3500 for appointment and prices. Do not call the shelter for appointments. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the shelter. (-25/8)

CRAWFORD COUNTY has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Crawford County has been chosen to receive \$8,940 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by the National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, U.S.A.; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. A Local Board made up of local agencies and businesses will determine how the funds awarded to Crawford County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds, must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Crawford County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with River House Shelter and Crawford County Community Christian Help Center participating. These agencies were responsible for providing meals and lodging to area citizens. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Sue McNally at 230 Huron, Grayling, MI 49738 or 989-348-7691 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is January 24, 2007. (-18-25/8)

PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, Feb. 1, from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Takeouts available. Cost is \$5 person. (-25/8)

8. Announcements

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The following vehicles will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 1, 2007 in the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is located at Milltown Auto Painting and Towing, at 6414 West M-72. Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicle prior to the sale.

Year 2004, Make EZ Kargo Enclosed Trailer, Color Red, VIN 5JXCT16264S080455. Minimum bid of \$2,500.00. Trailer has rear end damage.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Randall Baerlocher at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738. (989) 348-4616.

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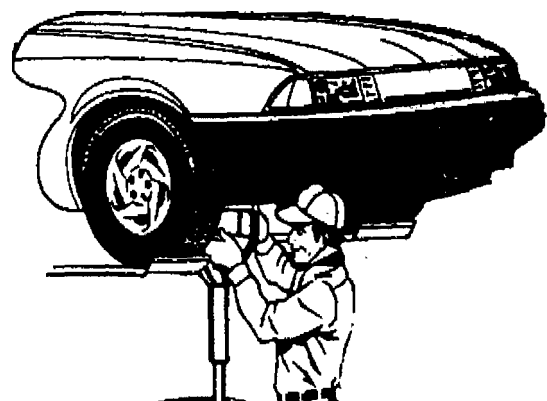
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Year 2005, Make Ford, Model, Escape, Color Blue, VIN 1FMYU04165KA88280. Minimum bid of \$2,500.00. The vehicle has substantial damage due to roll-over accident.

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(Left) Spencer Dean shoots the ball for the Vikings during last week's game against the Gladiators. (Right) Ryan Foguth controls the ball for Grayling.

JV Vikings fall to Kalkaska, TCSF

Basketball team loses game on the road 68-59 on Tuesday vs. Blazers

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team lost to Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis last week.

On Tuesday, the Vikings played the Blazers at Kalkaska. Grayling trailed 33-27 at half-time. The Blazers took a two-point lead into the fourth quarter (46-44) and won the game by a final score of 68-59.

"We only committed 13 turnovers, and outrebounded them 30 to 28. As a team we had only had 53 deflections, which is not terrible but could have been better. As a team we shot 7 for 14 from the free throw line. In the end we couldn't stop #32 Schuba, who scored 34 points to lead all scorers," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

"Defensively we did not communicate well and as a result we often left Schuba open for a three-point shot. By the end of the game we started to contain him but were forced to foul. The good thing about basketball is you play teams twice and we will have a better game plan for Kalkaska when they come to our house," Coach Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Spencer Dean, 19 points; Ross Teeple, 7 points, 4 rebounds; Alex Gabriel, 7 points, 10 rebounds; Tyler Steffey, 8 points; Jacob Aubry, 6 points; Dylan Nye, 1 point.

On Friday night, the Vikings hosted the Gladiators of Traverse



Tyler Steffey handles the ball for the JV squad vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Friday night.

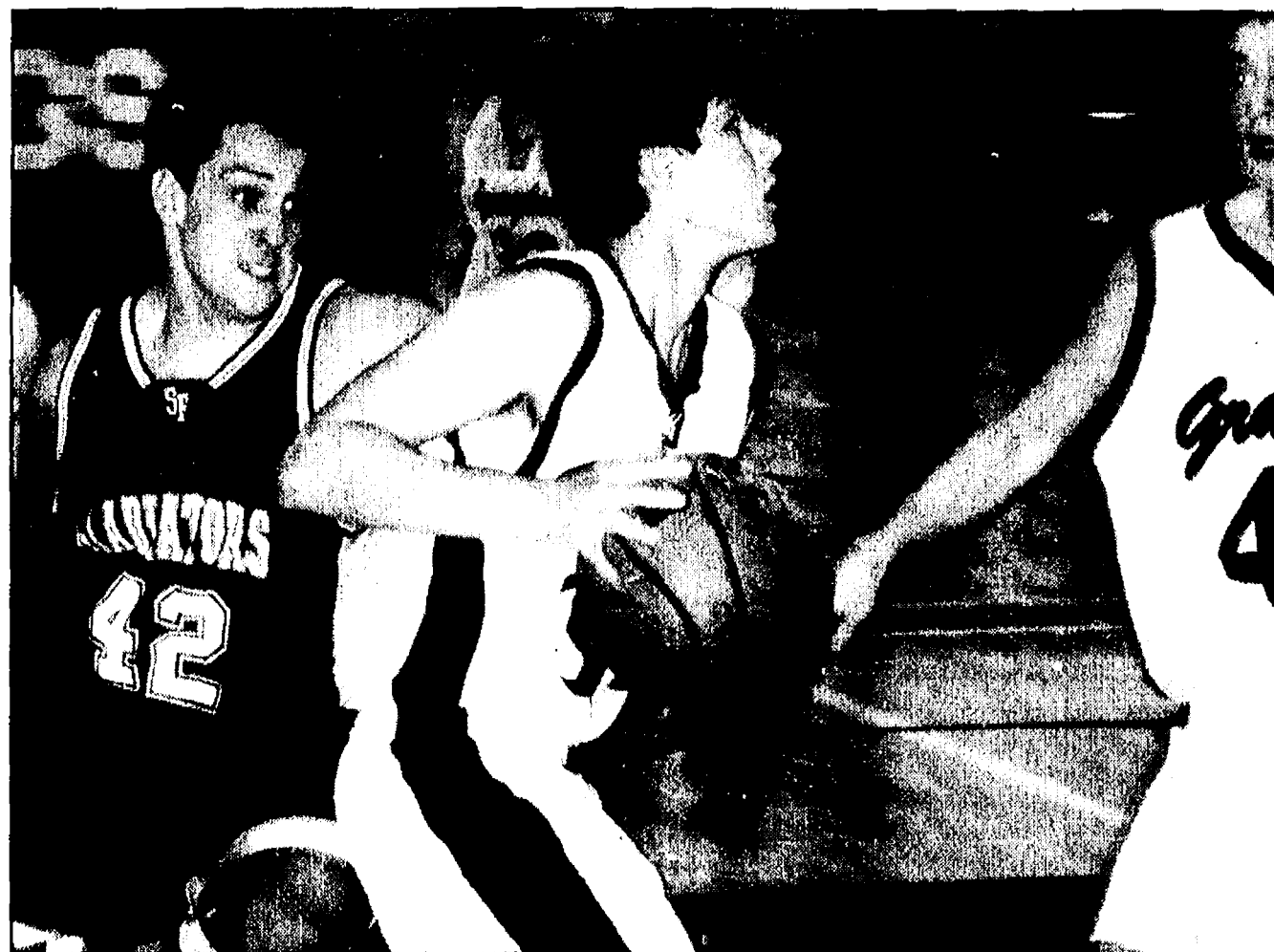
City St. Francis. TCSF won the game 50-24.

"Defensively we did some nice things only allowing TC to score 50 points. Offensively everything was a struggle for us. Some of this can be attributed to the defensive pressure by TC but for the most part we did not work hard to get open and we did not take care of the basketball," Coach Kucharek said. "We had some major problems with communication in this game. There

were several times we didn't know who we were guarding on defense or what offense we were running. When you play a team this good you can't afford these simple mistakes."

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Dean, 9 points; Teeple, 4 points; Steffey, 4 points; Mike Davis, 2 points; Todd Johnson, 2 points.

The Vikings (1-8 overall) will play at Boyne City on Friday, Jan. 26.



Todd Johnson drives toward the basket for the Vikings on Friday.

